



# Psychology Honors, BA

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**Program Description:** The Psychology Honors program leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree and is designed to give students an understanding of the methods of psychological inquiry and the state of knowledge in the science of behavior and mental processes. The major offers the background required for graduate work in psychology and also preparation for such related fields as social work, business, medicine, marketing, law, criminal justice, and education. Psychology Honors students take the same set of required core courses as Psychology majors. In addition, they take two seminar courses that allow students to gain experience with graduate-style courses. They also complete a two-semester research project under the mentorship of a Psychology faculty member. Like the Psychology major, the program emphasizes a broad scholarly foundation across the chief areas of psychology, depth of learning in students' chosen direction, and hands-on opportunities for skill-building integrated throughout the program.

**Career Opportunities:** According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2021), some relevant careers include:  
Psychology Professor, median annual salary \$89,850  
Clinical Psychologist, median annual salary, \$82,180  
I/O Psychologist, median annual salary, \$95,000  
Human Resources Manager, median annual salary \$121,220  
Human Resources Specialist, median annual salary \$63,490  
Marriage and Family Therapist, median annual salary \$51,340  
Research Analyst, median annual salary \$65,810  
School and Career Counselor, median annual salary \$58,120  
Note: Some of these professions require an advanced degree and/or professional license.

**Student Organizations:** Psi Chi is an international honors society for psychology students, and our local chapter functions as a sort of "psychology club." All students are welcome to attend the meetings of Psi Chi, whether they are official members or not. Meetings involve professional development activities, panel discussions about graduate school and career opportunities, and service-learning opportunities. Qualified students are encouraged to apply for official membership in the international honors society!

**Experiential Learning:** Skill-building opportunities are integrated throughout our courses in psychology. We also maintain an active practicum program through which students earn course credit for working in field settings. For example, we have placed students at Alice Paul House (victim advocacy), The Open Door (substance abuse treatment), Community Guidance Center (mental and behavioral healthcare provider), Head Start (early childhood education), the Behavioral Health Unit at Indiana Regional Medical Center (our local hospital), and more. We are always open to developing new practicum sites for interested students! In addition, students have opportunities to assist faculty members with research as a volunteer or for course credit. The two-semester research project students complete as part of the Psychology Honors program offers a wealth of opportunities for skill-building!



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## Four-year Course Sequencing

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**Four-year Sequencing:**

The below four-year plan outlines the courses required in each semester of your baccalaureate degree. The goal is for you to visualize the years to come and understand what courses or other requirements are needed in order to graduate in four years. This also allows you to plan with your advisor for important engagement activities that support your higher education goals, such as, planning for practicum, research, and/or study abroad. The summer and winter terms are also an opportunity to take courses or accomplish other goals.

Freshman Year: Fall			Freshman Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
PSYC 100	The Psychology Major	1	PSYC Breadth	Required PSYC Breadth Course	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3	Natural Science	One lab science	4
PSYC 102	Identity/Interactions/Diversity	2	MATH 217	Probability & Statistics	3
Global/Soc. Sci.	Liberal Studies Requirement	3	Wellness	Health/Wellness Requirement	3
ENGL 101	Composition I	3	Language	Elementary Language II*	4
Language	Elementary Language I*	4			
	<b>Total Fall</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>Total Spring</b>	<b>17</b>

Sophomore Year: Fall			Sophomore Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
PSYC 200	Psychological Research I	3	PSYC 300 or 301	Psychological Research II	3
PSYC Breadth	Required PSYC Breadth Course	3	PSYC Breadth	Required PSYC Breadth Course	3
Natural Science	One non-lab science	3	PSYC Breadth	Required PSYC Breadth Course	3
Language	Intermediate Language*	4	Minor	Minor course	3
ENGL 202	Composition II	3	Fine Arts	Liberal Studies Requirement	3
	<b>Total Fall</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>Total Spring</b>	<b>15</b>

Junior Year: Fall			Junior Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
PSYC Breadth	Required PSYC Breadth Course	3	PSYC 480	PSYC Honors Seminar	3
PSYC 483	PSYC Honors Thesis	3	PSYC Honors	PSYC Advanced Topics Course	3
HIST 196/197/198	U.S./European/World History	3	Social Science	Liberal Studies Requirement	3
Minor	Minor course	3	Minor	Minor course	3
ENGL 121	Humanities Literature	3	Minor	Minor course	3
	<b>Total Fall</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total Spring</b>	<b>15</b>

Senior Year: Fall			Senior Year: Spring*		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
PSYC 483	PSYC Honors Thesis	3	PSYC 480	PSYC Honors Seminar	3
PSYC Honors	PSYC Advanced Topics Course	3	Minor	Minor course	3
PHIL/RLST	Liberal Studies Requirement	3	Free Elective	Free Elective	3
Minor	Minor course	3	Free Elective	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	Free Elective	2			
	<b>Total Fall</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>Total Spring</b>	<b>12</b>

\* Proficiency at intermediate level of foreign language is required for Psychology majors. Intermediate-level foreign language may be included in Liberal Studies electives. Students may take Critical Language (CRLG) 4 courses of 3 credits in place of a language sequence.



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## Summary of Requirements

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**Summary of Requirements:** The Psychology Honors program emphasizes: (a) breadth of learning in the foundational areas of psychology, (b) depth of learning in each student's chosen direction, and (c) skill-building across courses and experiences. All Psychology Honors students take the same required set of core courses as Psychology majors. They also take two Honors seminars, two Advanced Topics courses, and they complete a two-semester research project with the mentorship of a Psychology faculty member. A minor or concentration is also required, along with proficiency at an intermediate level of a foreign language. The total number of credits required is 120.

### Liberal Studies (43 credits)

Course (43 Credits)	Credits	Grade
<b>Learning Skills: English Composition (6 credits)</b>		
ENG 101 Composition	3	
ENGL 202 Composition II	3	

<b>Learning Skills: Mathematics (3 credits)</b>		
MATH 217 Probability and Statistics	3	

<b>Humanities (9 credits)</b>		
HIST 196 or 197 or 198	3	
ENGL 121 Humanities Literature	3	
PHIL/RLST Select one from the course list	3	

<b>Fine Arts (3 credits)</b>		
Select one from the list	3	

<b>Natural Sciences (7 credits) †</b>		
Select one lab science from course list	4	
Select one non-lab science from course list	3	

<b>Social Sciences (9 credits)</b>		
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	
Select from the course list	3	
Select from the course list	3	

<b>Health and Wellness (3 credits)</b>		
Select from the list of 143 courses	3	

<b>Liberal Studies Elective (3 credits, no course with PSYC prefix)</b>		
*Foreign Language Intermediate Level (0-6 credits)	3	

\*If the Intermediate level foreign language requirement is met via the placement test, then 3 credits of liberal studies elective required.

† BIOL 104 and BIOL 106 recommended

### Psychology Core Requirements (42 credits)

Course (27 credits)	Credits	Grade
<b>Introductory Courses</b>		
PSYC 100 The Psychology Major	1	
PSYC 102 Identity and Interaction Diverse	2	
<b>Breadth Courses (in any order)</b>		
PSYC 215 Developmental Psychology	3	
PSYC 225 Abnormal Psychology	3	
PSYC 235 Social Psychology	3	
PSYC 245 Learning and Cognition	3	
PSYC 255 Biopsychology	3	
<b>Research Design and Analysis Courses</b>		
PSYC 200 Psychological Research I	3	
PSYC 300 or 301 Quantitative/Qualitative Research	3	
<b>Honors Courses</b>		
PSYC 480 Honors Seminar (2 semesters)	6	
PSYC 483 Honors Thesis (2 semesters)	6	
<b>Controlled Electives (2 courses from the following; 6 credits)</b>		
PSYC 415 Advanced Topics in Development PSYC	3	
PSYC 435 Advance Topics in Social PSYC	3	
PSYC 445 Advanced Topics in Learning/Cognition	3	
PSYC 450 Counseling Skills	3	
PSYC 455 Advanced Topics in Biological PSYC	3	
<b>Other Requirements (minor or concentration)</b>		
Other Requirements (minor or concentration)	18-24	
Free Electives	10-17	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

- [Global/Multicultural](#), 3 credits required but most courses overlap with other required courses, so talk with your advisor
- [Writing Intensive](#) requirement is built into the program.
- Review [Degree Works](#) for your progress toward degree.

**Additional Information:** Recommended minors include Applied Statistics, Biology, Child and Adult Advocacy Studies, Child Development and Family Relations, Criminology, Sociology