BS with a Major in Psychology

Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences degree from UIC, students must complete university, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Psychology degree requirements for the Major in Psychology are outlined below. Students should consult the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Code	Title	Hours
Summary of Requirements		
Major Requirements		28
General Education and Electives to reach minimum Total Hours		92
Total Hours		**120**

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PSCH 100	Introduction to Psychology [a]	4
PSCH 242	Introduction to Research in Psychology	3
PSCH 343	Statistical Methods in Behavioral Science [b]	4
Select at least one of the following to fulfill the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement:		3
PSCH 313	Laboratory in Social Psychology	
PSCH 321	Laboratory in Developmental Psychology	
PSCH 331	Laboratory in Community and Prevention Research	
PSCH 333	Laboratory in Clinical Psychology	
PSCH 351	Laboratory in Perception	
PSCH 353	Laboratory in Cognition and Memory	
PSCH 361	Laboratory in Learning and Conditioning	
PSCH 363	Laboratory in Behavioral Neuroscience	
PSCH 367	Laboratory in Cognitive Neuroscience	
Select at least one of the following in addition to the course taken for Writing-in-the-Discipline:		3
PSCH 262	Behavioral Neuroscience	
PSCH 350	Sensation and Perception	
PSCH 351	Laboratory in Perception	
PSCH 352	Cognition and Memory	
PSCH 353	Laboratory in Cognition and Memory	
PSCH 360	Learning and Conditioning	
PSCH 361	Laboratory in Learning and Conditioning	
PSCH 363	Laboratory in Behavioral Neuroscience	
PSCH 366	Cognitive Neuroscience	
Select at least one of the following: [c]		3
PSCH 210	Theories of Personality	
PSCH 231	Community Psychology	
PSCH 270	Introduction to Psychological and Behavioral Disorders	
PSCH 312	Social Psychology	
PSCH 313	Laboratory in Social Psychology	
PSCH 320	Developmental Psychology	
PSCH 321	Laboratory in Developmental Psychology	
PSCH 324	Cultural Psychology	
PSCH 331	Laboratory in Community and Prevention Research	
Additional Psychology courses for minimum of 28 semester hours		8
Total Hours		**28**

a *This course is approved for the Understanding the Individual and Society General Education category.*

b *PSCH 343 (with a C or better) fulfills the LAS Quantitative Reasoning requirement.*

c *Students should consult the* General Education *section of the catalog to determine which of these courses are approved General Education courses.*

Recommended Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
Foreign Language		4
MATH 090 or MATH 105	Intermediate Algebra or Mathematical Reasoning	3-4
General Education Requirement course		3-5
	Hours	**13-16**
Spring Semester		
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
Foreign Language		4
PSCH 100	Introduction to Psychology	4
General Education Requirement course		3-5
	Hours	**14-16**
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
PSCH 242	Introduction to Research in Psychology	3
Psychology Elective [a]		3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
	Hours	**16**
Spring Semester		
Psychology Elective [b,c]		3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
Electives		3
	Hours	**16**
Third Year		
Fall Semester		
PSCH 343	Statistical Methods in Behavioral Science [d]	4
Psychology Selective [b,c]		3

General Education Requirement course/Elective	3
General Education Requirement course/Elective	3
Electives	3
Hours	**16**
Spring Semester	
Psychology Elective [d]	3
Psychology Elective [d]	3
Electives	9
Hours	**15**
Fourth Year	
Fall Semester	
PSCH Selective - Lab Course (WID) [e]	3
Electives	12
Hours	**15**
Spring Semester	
Electives	13-15
Hours	**13-15**
Total Hours	**120**

a *Psychology electives taken at this time are restricted to the 200 level, as 300-level PSCH courses cannot be taken until PSCH 242 is completed with a C or better.*

b *At least one course must be taken from PSCH 262, PSCH 350, PSCH 351, PSCH 352, PSCH 353, PSCH 360, PSCH 361, PSCH 363, and PSCH 366, in addition to courses taken to satisfy the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement. Consult a departmental advisor when choosing courses.*

c *At least one course must be taken from PSCH 210, PSCH 231, PSCH 270, PSCH 312, PSCH 313, PSCH 320, PSCH 321, PSCH 324, and PSCH 331, in addition to courses taken to satisfy the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement. Consult a departmental advisor when choosing courses.*

d *A combined maximum of 8 hours of credit in PSCH 396, PSCH 397 and PSCH 399 can be applied toward the degree.*

e *At least one course must be taken from PSCH 313, PSCH 321, PSCH 331, PSCH 351, PSCH 353, PSCH 361, PSCH 363, or PSCH 367 in order to fulfill the Writing in the Discipline Requirement.*