

# B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY

New undergraduates and some new transfers are admitted as pre-majors in Pre-Psychology. You cannot earn a degree in Pre-Psychology. To be fully admitted to the BA Psychology degree program, a student must have completed a minimum of 4 psychology classes (including Psychology 1010) with a psychology-specific GPA of 2.5. Students who do not meet this requirement will be considered "Pre-Psychology" majors and will be advised by Psychology advisers. The major in Psychology requires a minimum of 34 semester hours of Psychology courses, with at least 22 of these hours taken at the University of Toledo, plus 18 hours of related courses. Courses for the major in Psychology cannot be taken as P/NC except for PSY 4100.

## The B.A. Curriculum

The B.A. degree in psychology is designed to provide a liberal arts education and to prepare students for a wide variety of careers, graduate training in a specialized area of psychology (e.g., Experimental or Clinical psychology graduate programs), or graduate work in related disciplines. Students will be exposed to all of the major fields of psychology. Related courses come from a list pre-approved by faculty in the department and available on the Psychology Department website. These courses are taught by other departments, but are relevant to various areas of psychology. Fundamentals of Biology or Biodiversity (BIOL 2150 or EEES 2150) with lab (BIOL 2160 or EEES 2160) is on the list and is the only related course required of all majors. Students who wish to do so can use these BIOL or EEES hours toward their natural science requirement. Students are free to choose any other courses from the related list, but should do so in consultation with their advisers.

The core psychology curriculum is as follows:

| Code   | Title                              | Hours |
|--|------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>Basic Psychology Courses</b>                              |                                    |       |
| Select 5 of the following:                                   |                                    | 15    |
| PSY 2200   | Abnormal Psychology                |       |
| PSY 2400   | Cognitive Psychology               |       |
| PSY 2510   | Lifespan Developmental Psychology  |       |
| PSY 2600   | Psychobiology                      |       |
| PSY 2610   | Learning And Motivation            |       |
| PSY 2700   | Social Psychology                  |       |
| <b>Methodological Courses</b>                                |                                    |       |
| PSY 2100   | Statistical Methods <sup>1,2</sup> | 3     |
| PSY 3110   | Research Methods In Psychology     | 4     |
| <b>Advanced Research Courses</b>                             |                                    |       |
| Strongly advised - select one of the following: <sup>3</sup> |                                    | 3     |
| PSY 4100   | Research Practicum                 |       |
| PSY 4700   | Research In Social Psychology      |       |
| PSY 4910   | Independent Research               |       |
| PSY 4960   | Honors Thesis                      |       |
| <b>Elective Psychology Courses</b>                           |                                    |       |
| Select 12-18 hours of electives <sup>4</sup>                 |                                    | 12-18 |
| <b>Related Courses</b>                                       |                                    |       |

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| Select 14 hours of related courses <sup>5</sup> | 14           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                              | <b>51-57</b> |

- Must earn a C- or higher in MATH 1320 or higher before taking PSY 2100.
- Must earn a grade of C- or higher before taking PSY 3110.
- An Advanced Research Course is not required of all majors but students planning to pursue graduate work in psychology are strongly advised to take an advanced research course from the list.
- This category includes all Psychology courses at the 3000- or 4000-level that are not taken to meet requirements A and B. At least 12 hours of electives must be taken at a 3000-level or higher. No more than a total of 8 hours of PSY 3940 Externship In Psychology, PSY 4100 Research Practicum, PSY 4990 Independent Study, PSY 4910 Independent Research, and/or PSY 4960 Honors Thesis combined can count toward the Psychology major.
- The 14 hours of related courses are taken outside the Department of Psychology, and must be on the related list and/or approved by the student's Department advisor.  
At least 9 hours must be courses numbered 3000 or higher. Fundamentals of Biology (BIOL 2150) or Biodiversity (EEES 2150), with lab (BIOL 2160 or EEES 2160), must be included in the Related Courses category (or taken as part of the natural science requirement).  
A minor in another department or a second major may be used to complete the remaining Related Courses requirement, with the advisor's approval.

Below is a sample plan of study. Consult your degree audit for your program requirements.

| First Term                      |  | Hours                              |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| AR 1000                         | First Year Orientation                                     | 1                                  |
| PSY 1010                        | Principles Of Psychology                                   | 3                                  |
| ENGL 1110                       | College Composition I                                      | 3                                  |
| MATH 1320                       | College Algebra  | 3                                  |
| Elementary Foreign Language I   |  | 4                                  |
| HIST 1010                       | Europe To 1600   | 3                                  |
| or HIST 1200                    |  | or Main Themes In American History |
| <b>Hours</b>                    |  | <b>17</b>                          |
| Second Term                     |  | Hours                              |
| PSY 2200-PSY 2700               | Major Elective   | 3                                  |
| ENGL 1130                       | College Composition II: Academic Disciplines And Discourse | 3                                  |
| Elementary Foreign Language II  |  | 4                                  |
| Arts/Humanities Core (Fine Art) |  | 3                                  |
| Elective                        |  | 3                                  |
| <b>Hours</b>                    |  | <b>16</b>                          |
| Third Term                      |  | Hours                              |
| PSY 2200-PSY 2700               | Major Elective   | 3                                  |
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| Intermediate Foreign Language I  | 3          |
| UT Core Natural Science  | 3          |
| ENGL 2710-2800 Arts/Humanities Core (English Lit)  | 3          |
| <b>Hours</b>   | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>Fourth Term</b>   |            |
| PSY 2100 Statistical Methods   | 3          |
| Intermediate Foreign Language II   | 3          |
| BIOL 2150 Fundamentals Of Life Science: Diversity Of Life, Evolution And Adaptation ((Natural Sciences Core))              | 4          |
| BIOL 2160 Fundamentals Of Life Science Laboratory: Diversity Of Life, Evolution And Adaptation (Natural Sciences Core Lab) | 1          |
| Related or Minor course  | 3          |
| Arts/Humanities Core   | 3          |
| <b>Hours</b>   | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>Fifth Term</b>  |            |
| PSY 2200-PSY 2700 Major Elective   | 3          |
| PSY 2200-PSY 2700 Major Elective   | 3          |
| PSY 3110 Research Methods In Psychology (WAC)  | 4          |
| Non-US Diversity   | 3          |
| Related or Minor course  | 3          |
| <b>Hours</b>   | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>Sixth Term</b>  |            |
| PSY 3000-PSY 4999 Major Elective   | 3          |
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| Related or Minor course  | 6          |
| Diversity of US  | 3          |
| <b>Hours</b>   | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>Seventh Term</b>  |            |
| PSY 3000-PSY 4999 Major Elective   | 3          |
| Related or Minor course  | 3          |
| Elective   | 6          |
| <b>Hours</b>   | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>Eighth Term</b>   |            |
| PSY 3000-PSY 4999 Major Elective   | 3          |
| Related or Minor course  | 3          |
| Elective   | 6          |
| <b>Hours</b>   | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>Total Hours</b>   | <b>120</b> |

Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking: Use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena; interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research

Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World: Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice; build and enhance interpersonal relationships

Communication: Demonstrate effective oral presentation and writing to interact effectively with others

Professional Development: Apply psychological content and skills to career goals to develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation

Knowledge base in Psychology: apply fundamental knowledge and comprehension of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and empirical findings to discuss how psychological principles apply to behavioral problems.