

For students who declare **ON OR AFTER September 7, 2009** the degree requirements are listed below.

To earn the B.S. degree in psychology at the University of Pittsburgh, the following degree requirements must be met:

- [School of Arts and Sciences requirements](#)
- Laboratory requirements
Two of the required major courses have a mandatory laboratory or methodology experience: Research Methods (PSY 0035) and one of the following upper laboratory courses: Learning & Motivation (PSY 0405) or Cognitive Psychology Lab (PSY 0423) Tests and Measurement (PSY 1025), Psychological Aspects of Human Sexuality (PSY 1112), Experimental Child Psychology (PSY 1305) and Honors Thesis (PSY 1975) Some of these courses are writing intensive and 4-credit courses.
- Grade requirements
In order to be certified to graduate with a B.S. in psychology, students must have a "C" or better in **ALL** PSY courses used to fulfill the psychology major and a 2.0 PSY major GPA. *Note:* To declare the psychology major, students must have completed PSY 0010 and STAT (0200, 1000 or 1100) with a "C" or better and be enrolled in PSY 0035.
- Writing requirements
Psychology majors must take one W-course (writing intensive) in the department. PSY 0035 (Research Methods) is offered every term as a W-course. The department also offers other W-courses including Cognitive Psychology Lab (PSY 0423), as well as some 1000-level W-courses.
- Students must earn a 2.00 GPA overall, in psychology courses, and in the related area to graduate.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS:

FOUNDATION COURSES

Three foundation courses are required for all majors and must be among the first 12 credits taken in psychology. Students need to have completed PSY 0010 Introduction to Psychology and a STAT course (STAT 0200, 1000 or 1100) with a "C" or better and be enrolled in PSY 0035 Research Methods in order to declare psychology as a major.

- PSY 0010 Introduction to Psychology or PSY 0012 Foundations of Psychology (3 credits)
- STAT 0200 Basic Applied Statistics or STAT 1000 Applied Statistics or STAT 1100 Statistics & Probability for Business Management (4 credits)
- PSY 0035 Research Methods/Lab (4 credits)

CORE COURSES

The core courses provide students with a firm understanding of the biological, social, and environmental influences on behavior. Majors must choose **five from the following six** course options:

- PSY 0105 Introduction to Social Psychology
- PSY 0160 Psychology of Personality
- PSY 0310 Developmental Psychology
- PSY 0422 Cognitive Psychology
- PSY 0505 Introduction to Biopsychology **OR** NROSCI 1000 Introduction to Neuroscience
- PSY 1205 Abnormal Psychology

UPPER LEVEL COURSES

Students must take **two** 1000-level courses. **NOT** to include PSY 1900, 1902, 1903, 1970, 1973, 1975 (Experiential Learning), PSY 1950 Psychology Senior Seminar **OR** PSY 1205 Abnormal Psychology.

PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVE COURSE

Students must choose any **one** PSY 0100, 0300, 0400, 0500 or 1000-level PSY course not used to fulfill a CORE, upper level or Lab/Methods degree requirement. Experiential Learning courses (PSY 1900, 1902, 1903) may be used to fulfill this requirement. PSY 1950, 1970, 1973 and 1975 may **NOT** be used to fulfill this requirement.

LABORATORY/METHODS COURSE

Choose **one** of the following:

- PSY 0405 Learning and Motivation
- PSY 0423 Cognitive Psychology (W)
- PSY 1025 Tests and Measurement
- PSY 1112 Psychological Aspects of Human Sexuality (W)
- PSY 1305 Experimental Child Psychology (W)
- PSY 1975 Honors Thesis (W)

CO-REQUISITES:

ONE MATH COURSE FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

- MATH 0120 Business Calculus (4 credits)
- MATH 0125/0126 Calculus for Business 1 & 2 (both courses must be passed)
- MATH 0220 Calculus (4 credits)
- MATH 0400 Discrete Mathematical Structures (3 credits)
- CS 0007 Introduction to Computer Programming (3 credits)
- CS 0401 Intermediate Programming Using Java (4 credits)
- STAT 1201 Nonparametric Statistics

ONE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE COURSE (3 credits) FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

- ANTH 0620 Biocultural Anthropology
- ANTH 0630 Forensic Anthropology
- ANTH 0680 Physical Anthropology
- BIOSC 0150 Foundations of Biology 1
- BIOSC 0160 Foundations of Biology 2
- BIOSC 0190 Introduction to the Biological World 1
- BIOSC 0191 Introduction to the Biological World 2
- BIOSC 0800 Biology for Non-Majors 1
- BIOSC 0810 Biology for Non-Majors 2
- NROSCI 0081 Drugs and Behavior

ONE SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSE (3 credits) FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

- AFRCNA 1522 Sex and Racism
- ANTH 0582 Introduction to Archeology
- ANTH 0780 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- COMMRC 0310 Rhetorical Process

- COMMRC 0320 Mass Communication Process
- COMMRC 1110 Theories of Interpersonal Communication
- ECON 0100 Introduction to Microeconomic Theory
- ECON 0110 Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory
- ECON 0800 Introduction to Economics
- LING 0080 Aspects of Language
- LING 1000 Introduction to Linguistics
- PS 0200 American Political Process
- PS 0300 Comparative Politics
- PS 0500 World Politics
- PS 0600 Political Theory
- SOC 0005 Societies
- SOC 0010 Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 0150 Social Theory
- SOC 0230 Social Research Methods
- SOC 0317 Global Society
- SOC 0411 Deception and Betrayal
- SOC 0432 Wealth and Power
- SOC 0438 Sociology of the Family
- SOC 0444 Urban Sociology
- SOC 0446 Sociology of Gender
- SOC 0460 Minority Groups
- SOC 0471 Deviance and Social Control
- SOC 0475 Sociology of Aging
- SOC 1365 Race, Gender and Development
- SOC 1413 Marriage
- SOC 1448 Working Women
- SOC 1450 Health and Illness