

For students who declare **PRIOR to 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 experience: Research Methods (PSY 0035) and one of the following: Learning & Motivation (PSY 0405) or Cognitive Psychology for Majors (PSY 0420). These are each 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 each of the foundation courses for the major (PSY 0010/0012/0015; STAT 0200/1000/1100; PSY 0035) and a 2.0 GPA across all psychology courses. *Note: "C" grades or better in these foundation courses are not prerequisites to declaring the psychology major, however students must have completed and/or be currently enrolled in these foundation courses to declare psychology as a major.*
- 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 0420), 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 either have completed and/or be enrolled in the three foundation courses in order to declare psychology as a major.

Students declaring psychology **after** April 26, 2002, **must have** a grade of a "C" or better in the three foundation courses for graduation.

- 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 **one** course from each pair of courses for a total of four core courses.

- PSY 0105 Social Psychology or PSY 0160 Personality Psychology (3 credits)
- PSY 0310 Developmental Psychology (3 credits)
- PSY 0405 Learning & Motivation/Lab (4 credits) or PSY 0420 Cognitive Psychology for Majors/Lab (4 credits)
- PSY 0510 Sensation & Perception (3 credits) or PSY 0505 Biopsychology (3 credits)

UPPER LEVEL COURSES

Students must take **three** 1000 level psychology courses. Three credits of PSY 1900 (Supervised Field Placement) PSY 1902 (Directed Reading) or PSY 1903 (Directed Research) may be substituted for **one** of these courses.

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)

One BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE course from the following list:

- ANTH 0620 Biocultural Anthropology (3 credits)
- ANTH 0646 Evolutionary Theory (3 credits)
- ANTH 0669 Sex and Evolution (3 credits)
- ANTH 0680 Physical Anthropology (3 credits)
- BIOSC 0150 Foundations of Biology 1 (3 credits)
- BIOSC 0160 Foundations of Biology 2 (3 credits)
- BIOSC 0800 Biology for Non-Majors 1 (3 credits)
- NROSCI 0080 Brain and Behavior (3 credits)
- NROSCI 0081 Drugs and Behavior (3 credits)
- NROSCI 1000 Introduction to Neuroscience (3 credits)

One SOCIAL SCIENCE course (3 credits) from the following departments (excluding course listed above):

- Anthropology (excluding those listed for the Biological science requirement)
- Economics
- Political Science
- Sociology