PSYCHOLOGY (PSY) 462
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https://Psychology.IllinoisState.edu
Chairperson: J. Scott Jordan

Program Admission Requirements for New and Continuing Students: Admission to this academic program is limited and is based on space availability and the competitiveness of the applicant pool. Factors that may be considered include, but are not limited to: courses completed, cumulative GPA, hours completed, personal interview or written statement, and samples of work completed. For additional information on minimum requirements for admission and the application and selection process, visit IllinoisState.edu/Majors or consult the Department of Psychology website: https://Psychology.IllinoisState.edu.

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Note: The Department of Psychology typically does not admit students into the major who have completed more than 75 hours.

Standards for Progress in the Major: In order to remain in the major, all Psychology majors must have achieved the following by the time they have completed 75 hours: (1) maintenance of a 2.00 or higher cumulative Illinois State University GPA, (2) maintenance of a 2.20 or higher Psychology major GPA (based on all courses taken at Illinois State University that count towards the Psychology major), and (3) completion of all of the following courses with a grade of C or better: PSY 111, 138, 200, and 231; MAT 120 or 121 or 144 or 145; a laboratory science course.

Records of all Psychology majors will be reviewed once they have completed 75 hours. Any student not fulfilling all of the standards for progress will be dismissed from the Psychology major.

Minor in Cognitive Science
The Department of Psychology participates in the Minor in Cognitive Science program. Several courses offered by the Department contribute to the minor. For further information, please consult the Department advisor as well as the section entitled "Interdisciplinary Studies Programs" in this Undergraduate Catalog.

Honors in Psychology
The Department offers honors work for superior students majoring in Psychology. In order to qualify, the student must be a member of the University Honors Program, have achieved senior standing at Illinois State University, have achieved a University GPA of 3.30 or better, and have a GPA of 3.50 or better in Psychology coursework. Finally, after a semester of experience with a faculty member, the student must complete a senior thesis (HON 395A03 - Honors Thesis: Psychology) for at least 3 hours that reflects substantial research and quality of thought and present the thesis at the Psychology Department Honors colloquium. Further details about the University Honors program are available at Honors.IllinoisState.edu.

Psychology Programs
Degrees Offered: B.A., B.S.

Major in Psychology
The Major in Psychology prepares students for careers in psychology-related fields as well as advanced studies in the discipline. The curriculum ensures that majors gain a strong background in the basic and applied aspects of psychological science. Majors receive in-depth instruction in psychological research methods and statistical application. They also take five courses in foundational areas of psychology that provide exposure to the broad content of the discipline, historical issues, cultural considerations, and applications. Majors become familiar with careers in psychology and complete a capstone experience as they complete the program.

Minor in Psychology
– 2.50 GPA with 12 hours completed at Illinois State University to be admitted to the Psychology Minor
– 24 hours in Psychology required, including the statistics requirement (see below)
– Required courses (9-10 hours):
  – PSY 110 or 111, 231, 233
– 12 hours of Psychology content-course electives
  – 6 of these elective hours must be taken at the 200- or 300-level (upper division) at Illinois State or another four-year school
– A course in statistics from:
  – PSY 138
  – ECO 138
  – POL 138
  – MQM 100
  – MAT 150 or MAT 250
  – SOC 275
  – or by transfer

NOTE: Except for PSY/SOC 123 and PSY/SOC 223 (as electives) and SOC 275 (if used as statistics requirement), coursework in Sociology, Anthropology, or Social Work does not count toward the Psychology Minor.

Psychology Courses:
https://coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/psy/

All Courses:
https://coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/
MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY (B.A., B.S.)

General Education (39 credit hours)
Refer to the General Education section of the Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of General Education requirements and courses.

Communication and Composition (2 courses required)
--- 3 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
--- 3 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Communication as Critical Inquiry

Mathematics (1 course required)
Please see major requirements for mathematics options

Natural Science/Natural Science Alternatives (2 courses required)
Students must complete 1 course from 2 different sciences. The Psychology major requires 2 laboratory sciences.

United States Traditions (1 course required)

Individuals & Civic Life (1 course required)

Fine Arts (1 course/3 credit hours required)***

Humanities (1 course required)***

Language in the Humanities (1 course required)***

Quantitative Reasoning (1 course required)
--- 3 PSY 138 Reasoning in Psychology Using Statistics

Science, Math, & Technology (1 course required)

Social Sciences (1 course required)***
Exempt for Psychology majors

Additional Graduation Requirements
---/120 minimum total credit hours
---/42 minimum senior college hours
--- College of Arts & Sciences language requirement

AMALI requirement
***certain courses in General Education fulfill the AMALI requirement
See the AMALI Requirement section of the catalog or the Course Finder website for a list of courses.

B.S. Science, Math, & Technology or B.A. LAN 115 (1 course required)
See the B.S.—SMT Requirement section of the catalog or the Course Finder website for a list of courses.
--- 3 PSY 340 Statistics for the Social Sciences

Psychology Courses:
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All Courses:
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Major (57 credit hours)
--- 4 PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology
--- 3 PSY 138 Reasoning in Psychology Using Statistics (P: C or better in MAT 120 or 121 or 144 or 145)
--- 1 PSY 200 Careers in Psychology (P: PSY 110 or 111)
--- 3 PSY 213 Lifespan Development (P: PSY 110 or 111; COM 110 and ENG 101 or conc. reg.)
--- 3 PSY 223 Social Psychology (P: PSY 110 or 111; SOC 106; COM 110 and ENG 101 or conc. reg.)
--- 3 PSY 231 Research Methods in Psychology (P: PSY 110 or 111; ECO/GEO/POL/PSY 138 or MAT 150 or MQM 100 or conc. reg.)
--- 3 PSY 233 Psychology of Personality (P: PSY 110 or 111; COM 110 and ENG 101 or conc. reg.)
--- 3 PSY 253 Cognition & Learning (P: PSY 110 or 111)
--- 3 PSY 263 Physiological Psychology (P: PSY 110 or 111)
--- 3 PSY 311 Laboratory in Research Methods for Psychology (P: PSY 138, 231)
--- 3 PSY 340 Statistics for the Social Sciences (P: C or better in PSY 138; MAT 120 or 121 or 144 or 145)
--- 3 PSY 392 Senior Seminar (P: Senior standing)
--- 3 ENG 145 Writing in the Academic Disciplines (P: ENG 101)

Take one of the following courses:
--- 4 MAT 120 Finite Mathematics (P: C or better in MAT 119 or placement)
--- 4 MAT 121 Applied Calculus (P: C or better in MAT 119 & 120)
--- 4 MAT 144 Precalculus (P: C or better in MAT 108 & 119 or placement)
--- 4 MAT 145 Calculus I (P: C or better in MAT 144 or placement)

Take one Philosophy course:

Take two (6 credit hours) additional 300-level Psychology electives:
If a 3 credit hour class is transferred for PSY 111, a total of seven hours of Psychology electives are required. Please consult your academic advisor.

Take two laboratory science courses (these could be General Education courses):

†Students may select one of the following options to replace PSY 392:
  1) PSY 290 (for 3 hours) and 390 with the same faculty member
  2) PSY 291 (for 3 hours) and PSY 391 with the same faculty member
  3) PSY 395 and 398 (for 3 hours) taken the same semester
  4) HON 395A03 (for at least 3 hours, must have senior standing) and presenting an honors thesis at the honors symposium

Students may not register for more than a cumulative total of 17 hours of any combination of the following courses: PSY 287, 290, 291, 299, 390, 391, 398, or HON 395A03

Not more than 16 hours of 100-level Psychology courses, or Psychology courses transferred from community colleges, may count toward the major.
MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY (B.A., B.S.)

Transfer Students

Illinois Articulation Initiative (min. 37 credit hours)
To be eligible for IAI, at least one transfer course must have been articulated to an IAI core requirement. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of IAI courses and policies.

Communication and Composition (3 courses required)
A grade of C or better required in ENG 101 and 145 or equivalents
____ 3 C2 900 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
____ 3 C1 900 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry
____ 3 C1 901 ENG 145 Writing in the Academic Disciplines

Mathematics (1 course required)
Please see major requirements for mathematics options
____ 4 See major requirements for required math course options

Physical & Life Sciences (2 courses/7-8 hours required)
Students must complete 1 life science and 1 physical science course; at least 1 course must have a lab.
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Humanities & Fine Arts (3 courses required)
At least 1 humanities and 1 fine arts course required
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Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 courses required)
Two different disciplines must be represented
____ 3 S6 900 PSY 110 Fundamentals of Psychology
____ 3 S6 902 PSY 213 Lifespan Development

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