

PSYCHOLOGY

What contributes to personality? What goes on in the mind of children as they grow and develop? What causes a criminal to commit a robbery or even a murder? Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behavior, and attempts to answer numerous questions like these. Psychology is a deep and exciting field, an excellent foundation for a variety of careers, graduate school, or professional school. Counseling, social service, criminal justice, even business and marketing fields are strongly based on the study of psychology. With a psychology degree, you'll develop a good understanding of the human mind so you can make smart business choices or accurate predictions of how a person would act or react – both substantial benefits in any career.

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Hours:

36 hours for concentration
30 hours in general education

At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College. You may add a second major, minor, or electives to help meet these requirements.

Degrees offered: B.A. or B.S.

Departments: Psychology and Sociology

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

Internship: Encouraged but not required

Popular minors: Sociology, Criminal Justice, Social Sciences, Spanish, Business Administration

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Research and statistical methods
- Critical and analytical thinking
- Understanding how people think, behave, and feel
- Understanding the role of the brain, genes, and hormones in thought, behavior, and emotion
- Approaches to assess and treat abnormal psychology
- Oral, written, and interpersonal communication
- Insight into group and organizational behavior
- Understanding of diversity and individual differences
- Increased environmental, social, and cultural awareness
- How to apply knowledge, skills, and ethics in real-world situations

Possible Careers

- Psychologist
- Therapist / counselor
- College professor
- Consultant
- Advocate
- Social worker
- Substance abuse specialist
- Marketing specialist
- Human resource specialist
- Behavioral health technician
- Rehabilitation specialist
- Case manager or advisor
- Research analyst

Types of Employers

- Hospitals and medical clinics
- Behavioral health clinics
- Social services
- Community organizations
- Government federal agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Schools and universities
- Businesses and corporations
- Law enforcement agencies
- Research firms
- Consulting firms
- Marketing firms

outside the classroom

Activities / Opportunities

- Research projects and presentations
- Conferences and symposiums
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad
- Internship placement

Clubs / Organizations

- Active Minds
- Psi Chi (International Honor Society)
- Psychology / Sociology Club
- Red Cross Club



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Sample program of study

2022-23 Academic Year

Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. There is no substitute for developing a careful course registration plan in consultation with your advisor. The class sequence listed is suggested only. The final decision rests with the student and academic advisor.

Freshman - 1st semester

ENG 102 English Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1).....	3
HIS 120 World History (General Studies CAT 10).....	3
PSY 101 General Psychology (General Studies CAT 5).....	3
General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 7.....	3-5
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, or CAT 9	3

Freshman - 2nd semester

CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2).....	3
PSY 230 Lifespan Development.....	3
General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 7.....	3-5
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, or CAT 9	6

Sophomore - 1st semester

PSY elective.....	3
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, or CAT 9	3
Minor course	3

Sophomore - 2nd semester

PSY electives.....	3-6
Minor courses.....	3-6

Junior

PSY 401 Theories of Personality or PSY 470 History and Systems	3
PSY 405 Experimental Psychology	3
SSC 319 Statistics for Social Sciences	3
Minor courses.....	6
PSY electives.....	3-6

During your junior and/or senior year(s), choose two of the following:

PSY 402 Learning.....	3
PSY 403 Cognitive Psychology	3
PSY 460 Physiological Psychology	3

Senior

PSY 490 Assessment Seminar (second semester).....	0
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Continue coursework to fulfill remaining major, minor, and graduation requirements.

psychology faculty



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