2026-27 Academic Year

# 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.

## fast facts

**Credit hours:** 36

*Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.*

**Degree options:** B.A. or B.S.

**Departments:** Psychology and Sociology

**School:** Education and Behavioral Sciences

**Popular pairings:** Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Human Services, Philosophy, Sociology

## 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

Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.

### Activities / Opportunities

- Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) Programming
- Research projects and presentations
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

### Clubs / Organizations

- Active Minds
- Pi Gamma Mu
- Psi Chi *(international honor society for psychology)*
- Psychology / Sociology Club

# Courses and outcomes

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*The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.*

## Program courses

A math (MAT) class should be taken to satisfy the CAT 3 as the pre-requisite for SSC 319 Statistics for the Social Sciences.

**Psychology Courses**

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| PSY 101 General Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 405 Experimental Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 490 Assessment Seminar | 0 |
| SSC 319 Statistics for the Social Sciences | 3 |
| PSY electives | 6 |
| Upper-level PSY electives | 12 |
| Select one of the following | 3 |
| PSY 401 Theories of Personality (3) | |
| PSY 470 History and Systems (3) | |
| Select two of the following | 6 |
| PSY 402 Learning (3) | |
| PSY 403 Cognitive Psychology (3) | |
| PSY 460 Physiological Psychology (3) | |

## Student learning outcomes

1. Describe facts, concepts, theories, and issues of the discipline of psychology
2. Use research methods and statistics to demonstrate critical thinking, reasoning, and analytical skills
3. Create written and oral communication that reflects the principles of psychology
4. Apply ethical standards of the discipline to psychological research

## psychology faculty

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