2026-27 Academic Year

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION

Subject endorsement to teach grades 6-12

Psychology studies the mind and behavior and is an excellent foundation for a variety of careers, especially education. With a Psychology Education degree, not only will you be able to teach your students well about psychology itself, but you'll also have a good understanding of your students themselves. At Wayne State, you'll develop the tools you need to teach psychology in high school and middle school. Or, you can pursue advanced education to teach at a college or university level. Earning a Psychology Education degree is your chance to help your students understand more about their own personalities and lives, as well as others' ways of thinking.

In addition to choosing the Psychology subject endorsement, you will also need to select a second subject endorsement to receive your B.A. or B.S.

fast facts

Credit hours: 63

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; Educational Foundations and Leadership

Schools: Natural Sciences, Criminal Justice, and Health; Education and Behavioral Sciences

Popular pairings: Spanish Education, ESL Education

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 diversity and individual differences
- Increased environmental, social, and cultural awareness

Possible Careers

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

Types of Employers

- Middle schools
- High schools
- Colleges and universities
- Education and learning centers
- Hospitals and medical clinics
- Behavioral health clinics
- Social services
- Community organizations
- Government / federal agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Businesses and corporations
- Law enforcement agencies

outside the classroom

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

Activities / Opportunities

- Research projects and presentations
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad
- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)

Clubs / Organizations

- Active Minds
- Pi Gamma Mu
- Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Aspiring Educators
- Psi Chi *(international honor society)*
- 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

Psychology Content Courses

PSY 101 General Psychology	3
PSY 405 Experimental Psychology	3
PSY 490 Assessment Seminar	0
ECO, GEO, HIS, POS, SOC electives	6
PSY electives	6
Upper-level PSY electives	9
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)	

Professional Education Courses

EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education	3
EDU 245 Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy	0
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition	3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design	3
EDU 310 Reading, Writing, and Assessment in Content Areas	2
EDU 409 Content Area Methods and Assessment (Social Sciences)	3
EDU 414 Content Area Practicum Experience	1
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice	0
EDU 456 Clinical Practice and Seminar for the Secondary School	6
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education	3
SPD 436 Classroom Management through Social Emotional Learning 7-12	3

Student learning outcomes

Psychology programs

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

Education programs

Teacher candidates who successfully complete an education preparation program at Wayne State will be able to:

1. Create environments that support individual and collaborative learning using knowledge of how students grow and develop, along with individual differences and diverse cultures. (InTASC Standards 1-3)
2. Plan for instruction by applying content knowledge, a variety of instructional strategies, and multiple methods of assessment to connect concepts for learners in real-world applications. (InTASC Standards 4-8)
3. Engage in ongoing professional learning and use evidence to reflect on and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner. (InTASC Standard 9)
4. Seek leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with stakeholders, and to advance the profession. (InTASC Standard 10)

psychology faculty

Visit www.wsc.edu/psychology-sociology-department to learn more about the Department of Psychology and Sociology.

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