

PROGRAM NAME: Psychology  
 PROGRAM COLLEGE: Arts & Sciences  
 CATALOG TERM: 2019-2020

On campuses throughout the world, Psychology frequently ranks in the top 5 undergraduate majors. Psychology is increasingly important for other fields, which makes it an ideal pairing with any other major, and Psychology provides training, education, and skills for virtually any career. Some of the advantages of an undergraduate degree in psychology are: developing critical skills in communication (there is a heavy emphasis on writing skills), critical thinking, project management, and problem-solving skills; focus on evaluating the legitimacy of claims about behavior; knowledge about the scientific method, assessment, and evaluation; how to organize and analyze data, understand the use and interpretation of data, develop quantitative reasoning skills; become more knowledgeable about the human mind and behavior, such as knowing how to predict and understand individual and group behavior; and build team work and interpersonal skills.

NOTE: Individual Programs of Study will vary in consultation with your Advisor and course/section availability each term. The below schedule serves only as an **example** four-year degree plan.

**YEAR 1**

Fall Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Experience Notes
Core: Written Communication EN 1110	3	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join an RU Academy</li> <li>Participate in the Finucane Service Project</li> <li>Attend the New Student Retreat</li> <li>Pre-OTs should take NS 1000</li> </ul>
Core: Mathematics	4	D	
Core: Theological Mode Lv I	3	D	
PY 1000 or PY 1100 (counts as Core: Scientific-Relational Lv I)	3-4	D (for lower level courses)	
Core: Scientific-Relational Mode Lv I	3	D	
Freshman Seminar (NS 1000 or FS 1100)	1	D	
TOTAL HOURS	16-17		

Spring Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Written Communication EN 1120	3	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join a campus club/organization (can be dept. specific)</li> <li>Need to have one PY elective from each group (Applied, Biological, Cultural, Developmental – these courses rotate every semester) + 2 additional upper-level PY electives; 2 must be 4000-level</li> <li>PY 2400 or PY 2550 are common PY electives after taking PY 1000 and count as Core: Scientific-Relational Lv II</li> <li>BSS 2100 should be taken no later than fall sophomore year, if possible</li> </ul>
Core: Literary Mode Lv I	3	D	
Core: Philosophical Mode Lv I	3	D	
PY elective (e.g., PY 2400 or PY 2550, Core: Scientific-Relational Lv II)	3	D (for lower level courses)	
BSS 2100	3	D (for lower level courses)	

TOTAL HOURS	15		
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## YEAR 2

### Fall Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Historical Mode Lv I	3	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to have one PY elective from each group (Applied, Biological, Cultural, Developmental – these courses rotate every semester) + 2 additional upper-level PY electives; 2 must be 4000-level</li> </ul>
Core: Scientific Causal Mode Lv I	4	D	
Core: Oral Communication	3	D	
PY 3000-level elective	3	C	
Elective	3	D	
TOTAL HOURS	16		

### Spring Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Historical Mode or Literary Mode Lv II	3	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PY 3100 or PY 3110 should be taken no later than spring semester sophomore year, if possible</li> <li>Need to have one PY elective from each group (Applied, Biological, Cultural, Developmental – these courses rotate every semester) + 2 additional upper-level PY electives; 2 must be 4000-level</li> </ul>
Core: PL 2100 Philosophical Mode Lv II	3	D	
PY 3000-level elective	3	C	
PY 3100 or PY 3110	3	C	
Elective	3	D	
Elective	3	D	
TOTAL HOURS	18		

## YEAR 3

### Fall Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Artistic Mode	3	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to have one PY elective from each group (Applied, Biological, Cultural, Developmental – these courses rotate every semester) + 2 additional upper-level PY electives; 2 must be 4000-level</li> </ul>
PY 4000-level elective	3	C	
Elective	3	D	
Elective	3	D	
Elective	3	D	
TOTAL HOURS	15		

### Spring Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
PY 4000-level elective	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to have one PY elective from each group (Applied, Biological, Cultural, Developmental – these courses</li> </ul>
Elective	3	D	
Elective	3	D	
Elective	3	D	

Elective	3	D	rotate every semester) + 2 additional upper-level PY electives; 2 must be 4000-level
Elective	3	D	
TOTAL HOURS	18		

#### YEAR 4

##### Fall Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Theological Mode Lv II	3	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to have one PY elective from each group (Applied, Biological, Cultural, Developmental – these courses rotate every semester) + 2 additional upper-level PY electives; 2 must be 4000-level</li> <li>PY 4960 can be taken either fall or spring of senior year as long as you've met the prerequisites (one 4000-level PY course, PY 3100 or 3110)</li> </ul>
Core: Global Perspectives (PY 4430 = only Psychology GPR course)	3	D; C if PY course	
PY 4960	3	C	
Elective	3	D	
Elective	3	D	
TOTAL HOURS	15		

##### Spring Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Philosophical Mode or Theological Mode Lv II	3	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to have one PY elective from each group (Applied, Biological, Cultural, Developmental – these courses rotate every semester) + 2 additional upper-level PY electives; 2 must be 4000-level</li> <li>PY 4960 can be taken either fall or spring of senior year (one 4000-level PY course, PY 3100 or 3110)</li> </ul>
PY upper-level elective (either 3000 or 4000)	3	C	
Elective	3	D	
Elective	3	D	
Elective	3	D	
TOTAL HOURS	15		

##### Credit Hours

- Core: (47-50)
- Major: (30-31 hours)
- Electives (51 hours; these hours can be used for minors, a second major, prerequisites for professional/graduate school)

TOTAL Credit Hours: 128