

THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR (BA)

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Psychology, the study of behavior and mental processes, is a social, behavioral, and human science. The psychology major at Lyon introduces students to the empirical study of human and animal behavior and such diverse mental faculties and processes as perception, memory, intelligence, problem solving, and decision making. Students are also introduced to a wide range of current professional issues and responsibilities regarding both the academic discipline and the applied profession of psychology.

Psychology students develop an understanding of the social, psychological, and biological causes of behavior and an understanding of the effects of these factors on a variety of psychological phenomena, including interpersonal relationships, human growth and development, learning, personality, and abnormal behavior. They become skilled researchers and wise consumers of scientific psychological research. In addition, they are introduced to the application of basic psychological principles in a variety of endeavors, including counseling and other areas of clinical psychology and education. Psychology majors interested in applied aspects of the discipline may gain practical experience in the field through a supervised practicum in their junior or senior year.

The major is designed to prepare students for graduate study in psychology and related fields. A background in psychology is also appropriate and valuable for students planning to enter such professions as business, education, law, medicine, social work, and the ministry.

NOTE: To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from Lyon College, students must successfully complete a minimum of 120 semester credit hours comprised of our required Core curriculum (44-48 hours), the requirements of at least one major (credit hours vary per major), and a selection of our Liberal Arts electives. They must also earn at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average for all work taken at Lyon College and a 2.00 cumulative grade point average in their major, minor, and concentration.

Program: Psychology

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 235	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3
PSY 240	Introduction to Research Methods	3
PSY 332	History and Systems of Psychology	3
PSY 340	Intermediate Research Methods	3
PSY 341	Professional Development in Psychology	1
PSY 490	Senior Exit Survey in Psychology	0
	PSY 290 or PSY 310	3
	PSY 225 OR PSY 338	3
	PSY 312 OR PSY 318	3
	PSY 334 OR PSY 342	3
	PSY 335 OR PSY 339	3
	PSY 443 OR PSY 485	3

PSY 382	Topics in Psychology	3
	PSY Elective (200 level or higher)	3
	Sub-Total Credits	40

CORE CURRICULUM

Item #	Title	Credits
	Core Curriculum Requirements	44 - 48
	Sub-Total Credits	44-48

	Total credits:	84-88
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CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

PSY 290 or PSY 310

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 290	Human Development	3
PSY 310	Child and Adolescent Development	3

PSY 225 OR PSY 338

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 225	Social Psychology	3
PSY 338	Personality Psychology	3

PSY 312 OR PSY 318

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 312	Sensation & Perception	3
PSY 318	Biological Psychology	3

PSY 334 OR PSY 342

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 334	Learning and Behavior Analysis	3
PSY 342	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	3

PSY 335 OR PSY 339

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 335	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY 339	Learning and Cognition	3

PSY 443 OR PSY 485

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 443	Senior Internship	3
PSY 485	Senior Thesis	3

PSY Elective (200 level or higher)

Select one psychology course in the 200 level or higher.

Core Curriculum Requirements

Developmental requirements (up to 6 credits):

Taken in the first semester, if placed into it:

- ENG 001 College English

Taken in the first year, if placed into it:

- MTH 001 Intermediate Algebra

Proficiency requirements (15 credits):

Taken in the first two years, if not placed out of it:

- MTH 101 College Algebra or
- MTH 103 College Algebra w/Lab or
- MTH 105 Mathematics for Liberal Arts

Taken in the first year (depending on placement):

- ENG 101 English Composition I (taken immediately if placed into it or immediately following completion of ENG 001 with a grade of 'C' or better)
- ENG 102 English Composition II (taken immediately following successful completion of ENG 101 with a grade of 'C' or better)

Recommended but not required in the first year:

- First-year of a foreign language

Common Core requirements (13-14 credits):

Taken in the first year (or within one year of completing any pre-requisite coursework):

- COR 100 Year One
- COR 101 Year One OH ONE

Taken anytime in the first TWO years:

- ENG 105 World Literature
- POL 105 The American Experience

Taken anytime prior to graduation:

- HIS 110 World Civilization
- HIS 112 World Civilization II

Distribution requirements:

One fine arts course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- ART 101 Introduction to Visual Arts
- ART 201, 202 World Art I and II
- MUS 105 Language of Music
- MUS 110 Music Theory
- THE 101 Introduction to Theatre

One social science course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- ANT 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ECO 101 Principles of Economics I
- PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

One mathematics course (3-4 credits)

Select from the following:

- MTH 105 Mathematics for Liberal Arts
- MTH 110 Elementary Functions
- MTH 115 Discrete Mathematics or MTH 290 Foundations of Modern Mathematics
- ECO 208 Quantitative Methods in Business, Economics, and Decision Science
- MTH 210 Calculus I
- BUS 323 Statistical Applications to Business Decision Making
- PSY 235 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences

One lab science course (4 credits)

Select from the following:

- BIO 100, 100L Biology in Context
- BIO 110, 110L Principles of Biology I
- CHM 105, 105L Introduction to Chemistry
- CHM 110, 110L General Chemistry I
- PHY 210, 211 General Physics
- PHY 240, 241 Fundamentals of Physics
- SCI 100, 100L Physical Science for Liberal Arts

One religion/philosophy course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- RPH 110 Old Testament
- RPH 120 New Testament
- RPH 130 Introduction to Christian Theology
- RPH 140 Introduction to World Philosophies
- RPH 150 World Religions
- RPH 205 Introduction to Ethics

Two physical education courses (0-2 credits)

Select from the following:

- PED courses with designations from 101 to 130
- OLP courses with designations from 120 to 130

NOTE: Only one activity (specified PED/OLP) course can be taken per semester. Additionally, only seven activity credits can be counted toward the graduation requirement.