

## THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR (VA)

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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.

**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

Total credits:

40

## CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

### PSY 290 or PSY 310

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

### PSY 225 OR PSY 338

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 225	Social Psychology	3
PSY 338	Personality Psychology	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

### PSY 312 OR PSY 318

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

### PSY 334 OR PSY 342

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

### PSY 335 OR PSY 339

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

## PSY 443 OR PSY 485

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 443	Senior Internship	3
PSY 485	Senior Thesis	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

## PSY Elective (200 level or higher)

Select one psychology course in the 200 level or higher.