

Department of Psychology

(College of Social and Behavioral Sciences)

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The Department of Psychology offers the following undergraduate and graduate programs and program certificates. Specific requirements for these programs are listed within this Department of Psychology section in the following order:

Undergraduate Major (B.A.)

- Psychology (p. 1)

Minor

- Mental Health (p. 1)
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Graduate Major (M.A.)

- Psychology (p. 2)

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PSYCH 1001 Introduction to Psychology is a prerequisite for most other psychology courses, and must be taken by all psychology majors and minors. It also counts as a UNIFI/General Education requirement.

Only courses with an earned grade of at least a C- will count toward major, minors, and program certificates.

It is possible for psychology majors to graduate with departmental honors provided they have an overall GPA of at least 3.00, a psychology GPA of at least 3.50, and complete a research project deemed worthy of honors by the department. Generally such a project is done in the context of 3 hours of PSYCH 4705/5705 Research Experience in Psychology.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Program Psychology Major

The Psychology major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes UNIFI/General Education requirements and the following specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.

Required Courses

PSYCH 1001	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYCH 2002	Professional Preparation in Psychology	1
SOC SCI 2020	Social Sciences Statistics	3
PSYCH 3002	Research Methods *	4
Core Courses (complete 3 of 4)		9
PSYCH 3101	Biopsychology	
PSYCH 2202	Developmental Psychology	
PSYCH 2203	Social Psychology	

PSYCH 3505/5505	Cognitive Psychology	
Elective Courses		18
Any psychology course (PSYCH xxxx) may be selected as an elective.		
Total Hours		38

No more than six total hours of PSYCH 2701, PSYCH 3179, PSYCH 4198, PSYCH 4704/5704, and PSYCH 4705/5705 can count toward fulfilling the major requirements.

* The following courses are accepted as substitutes for PSYCH 3002 for double-majors within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences: FAM SERV 1030, SOC 2010, SW 3185.

Minor Mental Health Minor

The mental health field is quite interdisciplinary, served by a number of different professionals, and mental health issues arise across an array of settings. The Mental Health Minor serves the following purposes: 1) fosters interdisciplinary exposure to mental health issues, 2) provides broad preparation for those who may directly or peripherally work with mental health issues, and 3) presents different approaches to conceptualization and intervention of mental health issues.

For completion of the Mental Health Minor, the student must pass (C- or higher) 2 required courses and 4 elective courses for a total of 18 hours.

Required:

PSYCH 1001	Introduction to Psychology	3
FAM SERV 1020	Family Relationships	3
Electives: ***		12
COUN 4100	Introduction to Professional Counseling	
CRIM 3228	Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System	
EDPSYCH 4118/5118	Mental Health and Well-Being in the Classroom	
CRIM 4371	Topics in Criminal Justice: Offender Rehabilitation	
FAM SERV 3145/5145	Violence in Intimate Relationships	
FAM SERV 3160/5160	Family Assessment and Intervention **	
FAM SERV 3161/5161	Families, Alzheimer's and Related Dementias	
FAM SERV 3162/5162	Issues in Family Policy	
PH 2540	Selected Topics in Women's Health	
PSYCH 2401	Clinical Psychology	

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PSYCH 2403	The Science and Experience of Human Flourishing	
PSYCH 3403/5403	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYCH 3603/5603	Child and Adolescent Psychopathology *	
SOC 3086/5086	Medical Sociology	
SOC 3087/5087	Society and Mental Illness	
SW 4171/5171	Addictions Treatment	
SW 3175	Child Welfare Policy and Practice	
Total Hours		18

- * Similar child development courses could be substituted for PSYCH 3603/5603 prerequisite with consent of the instructor.
- ** Prerequisites for FAM SERV 3160/5160 may be waived with consent of instructor.
- *** Approved and relevant mental health placements in PSYCH 3179 Cooperative Education may be accepted as an elective in the minor. Students should file an Academic Student Request form, available on the Registrar's site.

Psychology Minor

Required

Psychology:		
PSYCH 1001	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYCH 3002	Research Methods	4
Electives in psychology		18
Total Hours		25

Master of Arts Degree Program

Major in Psychology

Applications are not being accepted for the MA Psychology major at this time.

Students interested in this program must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNiverse Student Center To-Do list or contact the Department of Psychology for any other application requirements. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at <https://admissions.uni.edu/application>.

In addition to meeting general university admission requirements, applicants are also required to submit the following for consideration:

1. a departmental application form;
2. resume or CV
3. personal statement
4. three letters of recommendation, preferably from undergraduate psychology instructors; and

The application deadline for fullest consideration for financial aid is February 1. Offers of admission will begin in February and continue on a rolling basis until all positions in the program are filled or until early May. Applications completed by April 30 will be reviewed and given consideration, but early application is strongly encouraged.

Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 or above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.

This major is available on the **thesis** option only for the Social Psychology track; the Clinical Science track offers a **non-thesis and a thesis** option. The major requires a **minimum of 42-43 semester hours, depending on the emphasis chosen. A minimum of 15 semester hours of 6000-level course work is required.**

The M.A. program in psychology consists of two traditional emphases:

1. clinical science, for students wishing to pursue doctoral-level study in clinical, counseling, or school psychology or careers as master's research coordinators or providers of psychological services in agencies or institutions;
2. social psychology, for students wishing to pursue doctoral study in social and related areas of psychology or careers as master's level data analysts or community college instructors.

The program maintains a strong empirical, research-based orientation and seeks to: a) provide students with opportunities to develop skills in research methodology; b) gain advanced knowledge of major areas of scientific psychology; and c) obtain basic competence in skills relevant to these areas. All students are required to complete a thesis for successful completion of this program. It is expected that students in the two-year program will, except under extraordinary circumstances, have a thesis proposal approved by their advisor by the beginning of their second year of study. The program is set up so it should be completed in two full academic years and two summers. Students are strongly encouraged to finish within this time frame.

Required for all students

Psychology:		
STAT 4772/5772	Statistical Computing I	3
PSYCH 6002	Research Design	3
Readings:		
PSYCH 6285	Readings in Psychology	2
Thesis Research:		
PSYCH 6299	Research	3
Emphasis requirements (as listed below)		31-32
Total Hours		42-43

Clinical Science Emphasis

Requirements for all students (listed above): 11

Required for emphasis: (32)

Psychology:		
PSYCH 6401	Cognitive Assessment	4
PSYCH 6405	Personality Assessment	4
PSYCH 6406	Adult Psychopathology and Diagnosis	3
PSYCH 6410	Child Psychopathology and Diagnosis	3
Thesis or Internship (3 hours):		
PSYCH 6419	Internship	3
PSYCH 6299	Research	3

Clinical Practicum:

PSYCH 6425	Practicum Team (Repeated every semester for 3 hours)	12
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Electives in Psychology 3

(determined in consultation with the Graduate Coordinator)

The following courses are pre-approved as electives in this program:

PSYCH 3102/5102	Drugs and Individual Behavior	
PSYCH 3104/5104	Introduction to Neurology	
PSYCH 3204/5204	Psychology of Aging	
PSYCH 3303/5303	Health Psychology	
PSYCH 3502/5502	Motivation and Emotion	
PSYCH 3505/5505	Cognitive Psychology	
PSYCH 3606/5606	Special Topics in Social Psychology	
PSYCH 4604/5604	Principles of Psychometrics	
PSYCH 4607/5607	Psychological Anthropology	
PSYCH 4608/5608	Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
PSYCH 6003	Graduate Practicum in Teaching Psychology	
PSYCH 6006	Research in Psychology	
PSYCH 6201	Evolution, Brain and Social Behavior	
PSYCH 6202	Social and Cognitive Development	
PSYCH 6203	Personality	
PSYCH 6204	Advanced Social Psychology	
PSYCH 6205	Advances and Developments in Social Psychology	
PSYCH 6285	Readings in Psychology	
PSYCH 6289	Seminar	
3 hours total from:		
PSYCH 4704/5704	Practicum in Teaching Psychology	
or PSYCH 4705/5705 Research Experience in Psychology		

Total Hours 43

Social Psychology Emphasis

Required for all students (listed above): 11

Required for emphasis: (31)

PSYCH 4604/5604	Principles of Psychometrics	3
PSYCH 3606/5606	Special Topics in Social Psychology	3
PSYCH 6203	Personality	3
PSYCH 6204	Advanced Social Psychology	3
PSYCH 6206	Field Methods in Social Psychology	3
PSYCH 6006	Research in Psychology	6
PSYCH 6205	Advances and Developments in Social Psychology (1 hr. each of 4 semesters for a total of 4 hrs)	4
PSYCH 6299	Research	3

Electives in Psychology 3

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PSYCH 3104/5104	Introduction to Neurology	
PSYCH 3204/5204	Psychology of Aging	
PSYCH 3303/5303	Health Psychology	
PSYCH 3502/5502	Motivation and Emotion	
PSYCH 3505/5505	Cognitive Psychology	
PSYCH 4607/5607	Psychological Anthropology	
PSYCH 4608/5608	Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
PSYCH 6003	Graduate Practicum in Teaching Psychology	
PSYCH 6285	Readings in Psychology	
PSYCH 6289	Seminar	
PSYCH 6401	Cognitive Assessment	
PSYCH 6406	Adult Psychopathology and Diagnosis	
PSYCH 6410	Child Psychopathology and Diagnosis	
3 hours total from:		
PSYCH 4704/5704	Practicum in Teaching Psychology	
or PSYCH 4705/5705 Research Experience in Psychology		

Total Hours 42

Program Certificates

The University of Northern Iowa makes available, in addition to traditional programs, the opportunity for students to earn program certificates. Program certificates provide an alternative to programs leading to a degree, a major, or a minor; they certify that an individual has completed a program approved by the university. For information on the following program certificates, contact the Department of Psychology or the Office of the Registrar, which serves as the centralized registry.

Certificate in Military Psychology

Required Courses		
MIL SCI 1091	Introduction to the Army and Critical Thinking	1
MIL SCI 1092	Introduction to the Profession of Arms	1
PSYCH 1093	Military Psychology	1
Elective Courses 12		
FAM SERV 3145/5145	Violence in Intimate Relationships	
PSYCH 3304	Work Psychology: Well-Being	
FAM SERV 3160/5160	Family Assessment and Intervention	
PSYCH 3305	Work Psychology: Performance	
PSYCH 2401	Clinical Psychology	

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PSYCH 3403/5403	Abnormal Psychology
PSYCH 3303/5303	Health Psychology
PSYCH 2203	Social Psychology
SW 4171/5171	Addictions Treatment
PSYCH 4705/5705	Research Experience in Psychology

Total Hours **15**

* PSYCH 4705/5705 may be repeated up to 6 hours. PSYCH 4705/5705 can be substituted for elective courses above. Students develop a research project integrating psychology and military science. Present the results at the spring research conference, an ROTC event, or another public venue. Note – to do this the student would have to obtain a faculty advisor to chair the project. Note that PSYCH 3002 is a prerequisite for this course.

Certificate in Work Psychology

This certificate provides undergraduate students with the skills and knowledge necessary to be competitive in a professional human resources or consulting environment.

The 6000-level courses listed are available only to graduate students.

Required

Psychology:		
PSYCH 1001	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYCH 3304	Work Psychology: Well-Being	3
PSYCH 3305	Work Psychology: Performance	3

Electives: select three of the following: 9

Psychology:		
PSYCH 2203	Social Psychology	
PSYCH 2301	Applied Psychology	
PSYCH 3179	Cooperative Education	
PSYCH 3303/5303	Health Psychology	
PSYCH 3502/5502	Motivation and Emotion	
PSYCH 4604/5604	Principles of Psychometrics *	

Communication and Media:		
COMM 4134/5134	Organizational Cultures and Communication *	
COMM 3055	Organizational Communication *	
COMM 4155/5155	Organizational Communication Assessment *	

Political Science:		
POL AMER 1048	Current and Emerging Issues in Public Administration	
POL AMER 3174	Management of Public Human Resources *	
POL AMER 3153	Leadership and Management in Public Service	
POL AMER 4177/5177	Political Psychology	

Management:		
MGMT 3153	Organizational Management *	

MGMT 3155	Human Resource Management *
MGMT 3905/5905	Employment and Labor Law *
MGMT 3965/5965	Organizational Behavior *
MGMT 3966/5966	Staffing and Employee Development *

Education:

EDLEAD 6245	Leadership for Effective Schools
EDLEAD 7310	Human Resource Administration
EDLEAD 7311	Educational Leadership and Systems Change

Recreation, Tourism and Nonprofit Leadership:

RTNL 2020	Leadership in Leisure, Youth and Human Services
RTNL 3337	Human Resource Development for Recreation, Tourism and Nonprofit Leadership
RTNL 6202	Social Psychology of Leisure
RTNL 6402	Strategic Program Management
RTNL 6412	Management Issues in Recreation, Tourism and Nonprofit Leadership

Technology:

TECH 4187	Applied Industrial Supervision and Management
TECH 3196	Industrial Safety

Total Hours **18**

The 6000-level and 7000-level electives are available only to graduate students.

* This course has additional prerequisites.

Psychology, B.A.

1. Graduates will critically apply psychology to real world experiences.
2. Graduates will critically evaluate psychological research.
3. Graduates will clearly and accurately describe psychological phenomena in writing and speech.
4. Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of core content areas (Social, Developmental, Biopsychology, and Cognitive) in psychology.
5. Graduates will identify appropriate research methods to test hypotheses.
6. Graduates will conduct and interpret basic descriptive and univariate statistics.

Psychology, M.A.

1a. Students should demonstrate knowledge of how to design and conduct an empirical study to examine a hypothesis or research question.

1b. Students should demonstrate knowledge of when to conduct different basic statistical tests, how to conduct those tests using statistical software, and how to interpret the output of those tests.

1c. Students should be able to identify, understand, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate research on psychological topics.

2a. Students should demonstrate good written communication skills.

2b. Students should demonstrate good oral communication skills.

3a. Students should demonstrate and apply an understanding of the principles of responsible conduct of research.

3b. Students should demonstrate and apply an understanding of appropriate behavior according to the American Psychological Association ethical principles for applied settings.

4a. Students should be able to apply learned material to the practice setting.

4b. Students should demonstrate an ability to work with clinical populations, co-workers, and supervisors effectively and professionally.