

# Psychology Major (33 cr.) 2016-2019

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Please note that departmental contact is strongly recommended to further help with your academic planning. Irregularities in offerings do occur as a result of sabbaticals and medical leaves.

## **Important information for PSYC majors:** (There is no PSYC minor offered at H-SC.)

- PSYC majors are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor at least once a semester to ensure adequate course planning as the PSYC course numberings have changed.
- PSYC majors are prepared and able to pursue advanced study or careers in fields besides just Psychology (law, medicine, business, education, coaching, law enforcement, etc.) Majors learn how to find and interpret research and how to use those research findings to form evidence based conclusions.
- Students are encouraged to complete PSCY 101 by the end of their sophomore year.
- PSYC 210 and 211/251 (now PSYC 250) are recommended to be taken during the sophomore year, but must be completed before the senior year of study.
- Students may develop interdisciplinary majors within the social and natural sciences with the approval of the departments concerned.
- Students are also strongly encouraged to complete at least one 300-level lab during their junior year. Taking multiple upper-level lab courses in the same semester should be avoided.
- Students seeking admission to graduate study in Psychology are encouraged to take more than the required number of courses in Psychology and to choose their electives from Sociology or Biology.
- Students interested in graduate programs should inquire into research opportunities during their sophomore years. Creating and conducting a research project takes time. Summer internships in related employment settings are also highly regarded by members of graduate admissions committees.

Biology courses are very helpful for students taking PSYC 101, 301, 303 & 313.

\_\_\_\_\_ PSYC 101

\_\_\_\_\_ PSYC 210 (Fall- Soph. yr.) → MATH 121 (Statistics) is a useful course for students taking PSYC 210.

\_\_\_\_\_ PSYC 211/251 (Spr.) Co-requisites (Must be completed by end of Jr. year)

\_\_\_\_\_ PSYC 301/351 (Fall) Co-requisites **OR** PSYC 312/352 (Spr.) Co-requisites

\_\_\_\_\_ PSYC 306/356 (Fall) Co-requisites **OR** PSYC 315/355 (Spr.) Co-requisites

\_\_\_\_\_ PSYC 401 (Fall)

\_\_\_\_\_ PSYC 402 (Spr.)

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Although the lecture courses may be taken without the lab sections (ex: to fulfill a PSYC elective), the lab sections **MUST** be taken at the same time as the corresponding lecture courses.

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Successful completion of the above items does not alone guarantee that graduation requirements have been met. Please see advisor.

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