

MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Majors are required to complete 41 units in psychology and 10 units in prerequisite courses with a grade equivalent of 2.00 in all courses. No "Pass" grades are accepted for the 41 units in psychology (32 units of required psychology courses and 9 units of psychology electives). Of the 32 required psychology units, 14 units, consisting of the following courses, are required: PSYC 101 or PSYC 102, PSYC 203 or PSYC 204, PSYC 212 or PSYC 213, and PSYC 314 or PSYC 313. The remaining 18 required units are to be completed by taking one upper-level course in each of the six topical areas: Human Development, Clinical, Social, Biopsychology, Learning-Cognition, and Diversity. All students must satisfy the relevant prerequisites for individual psychology courses taken.

Code	Title	Units
Required Lower-Level Prerequisites		
BIOL 120 & 120L	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY [LECTURE] and PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY [LAB] (or an equivalent general biology course with laboratory)	4
ENGL 102 or ENGL 190	WRITING FOR A LIBERAL EDUCATION HONORS WRITING SEMINAR	3
MATH 111	FINITE MATHEMATICS (or higher, excluding MATH 204)	3
Required Courses		
PSYC 101 or PSYC 102	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY HONORS INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 203 or PSYC 204	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT HONORS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	3
PSYC 213 or PSYC 212	RESEARCH DESIGN AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS IN PSYCHOLOGY I ¹ BEHAVIORAL STATISTICS	4
PSYC 313 or PSYC 314	RESEARCH DESIGN AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS IN PSYCHOLOGY II ¹ RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY	4
Topical Areas		
Human Development (PSYC 203 is a required prerequisite)		3
Select one of the following:		
PSYC 403	INFANT AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT	
PSYC 404	ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 405	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	
PSYC 467	MIDLIFE DEVELOPMENT	
Clinical		3
Select one of the following:		
PSYC 350	PERSONALITY	
PSYC 361	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY ²	
PSYC 411	TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS	
PSYC 430	SYSTEMS AND TECHNIQUES OF PSYCHOTHERAPY	
Social		3
Select one of the following:		
PSYC 325	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY ²	
PSYC 327	INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 431	GROUP DYNAMICS	
Biopsychology		3
Select one of the following:		

PSYC 309	PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY	
PSYC 317	SENSATION AND PERCEPTION	
PSYC 460	ETHOLOGY AND COMPARATIVE PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 465	PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY ²	
Learning-Cognition		3
Select one of the following:		
PSYC 305	PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING	
PSYC 315	MOTIVATION	
PSYC 461	COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY ²	
Diversity		3
Select one of the following:		
PSYC 419	DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES IN PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 432	CROSS-CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 447	SEX DIFFERENCES: PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES	
PSYC 451	INTRODUCTION TO THE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD	
Electives		
Select any 200-, 300- or 400-level psychology courses with a MINIMUM of 3 units (of the required 9 units) completed at the 300- or 400-level. Electives include:		9
Any other course(s) within a given topical area beyond the one required to fulfill the topical area requirements		
Any other psychology courses listed in the catalog with the exception of PSYC 230 or PSYC 383		
Total Units		51

¹ PSYC 213 (*offered only in the fall*) and PSYC 313 (*offered only in the spring*) represent a two-course sequence that must be taken with the same faculty member in the same academic year. In order to receive credit for PSYC 213, students must complete PSYC 313.

² Recommended topical area course

Additional Options in Psychology

The Department of Psychology offers undergraduates two options beyond the completion of the general undergraduate concentration: a Clinical Psychology Area of Focus and an Honors Thesis in Psychology option. More specific information about each option is provided below. Admission to each of these options is competitive; for full consideration, applications must be made to the appropriate program director by the third week in October of the student's junior year. Application packets may be obtained in the Psychology department office.

In addition to the requirements of these options, students must also complete the Core Curriculum requirements of the university and any additional requirements of the Psychology major.

Clinical Psychology Area of Focus

The Clinical Psychology Area of Focus offers more extensive training in Clinical Psychology beyond that gained by completion of the Psychology major. The area of focus provides a three-term course sequence (14 units), beginning in the spring term of the junior year. Courses are organized around practicum experience with extensive supervision so that there is continuity between theory and practice of clinical skills.

Following are the Clinical Psychology Area of Focus:

Code	Title	Units
Term 1 (spring of junior year)		
PSYC 439	THE INITIAL INTERVIEW	3
PSYC 433	GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY INTERNSHIP	3
Term 2 (fall of senior year)		
PSYC 454	INTERNSHIP IN PSYCHOTHERAPY	4
Term 3 (spring of senior year)		
PSYC 454	INTERNSHIP IN PSYCHOTHERAPY	4

For a student to be admitted to the Clinical Psychology Area of Focus, the following criteria must be met by the spring term of the junior year:

1. Completion of PSYC 205 and PSYC 361 with a grade of "B" (3.00) or better in both courses
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40 and a Psychology GPA of 3.60
3. Submission of a writing sample, a letter of recommendation from a TU faculty member (preferably from Psychology) or employer who has observed the applicant's interpersonal skills, maturity and professionalism, and an interview with the program director to determine the student's suitability to complete the Clinical Psychology Area of Focus

Honors Thesis in Psychology

The Department of Psychology offers an undergraduate honors thesis option that provides students an opportunity to learn in-depth about the research process in psychology. Students complete an independent thesis in close collaboration with a faculty mentor, while taking a series of advanced courses on research methods, data analysis, thesis preparation and professional presentation. The three-term program (11 units) culminates in the student's senior year with the completion of the thesis and presentation of the findings in a symposium format.

The honors thesis option begins during the spring term of the student's junior year and continues throughout the student's senior year. The option is open to both native Towson students and transfer students entering the Psychology major in the beginning of their junior year.

Following are the specific courses that all honors thesis students must take:

Code	Title	Units
Term 1 (spring of junior year)		
PSYC 486	ADVANCED EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN	3
Term 2 (fall of senior year)		
PSYC 497	HONORS SEMINAR IN PSYCHOLOGY	3
Term 3 (spring of senior year)		
PSYC 498	HONORS CAPSTONE PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 499	HONORS SENIOR THESIS IN PSYCHOLOGY	3

For a student to be admitted to the Honors Thesis in Psychology option, the following criteria must be met by the spring term of the junior year:

1. Completion of PSYC 212/PSYC 213 and PSYC 313/PSYC 314 with a "B" grade or better
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40 and a Psychology GPA of 3.60
3. Identification of a Psychology faculty member who will supervise the thesis
4. Submission of a personal statement and writing sample and interview with the program director

Students who successfully complete the honors option will receive the designation Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Psychology on their diploma. Departmental Honors will also appear on the student's transcript.

Suggested Four-Year Plan

Based on course availability and student needs and preferences, the selected sequences will probably vary from those presented below. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices.

Freshman

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
Core 1 (or Core 2)	3 Core 2 (or Core 1)	3
Core 4	3 BIOL 120 & 120L (Core 7)	4
MATH 111 (Core 3) ¹	3 Core 5	3
PSYC 101 or 102 (Core 6)	3 Core 10	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	16

Sophomore

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
PSYC 203 or 204	3 Upper-Level PSYC Topic Area 1	3
PSYC Elective	3 PSYC Elective	3
Core 11	3 Core 8	3-4
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15-16

Junior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
PSYC 212 or 213	4 PSYC 314 or 313 (Core 9)	4
Upper-Level PSYC Topic Area 2	3 Upper-Level PSYC Topic Area 4	3
Upper-Level PSYC Topic Area 3	3 Core 13	3
Core 14	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	16	16

Senior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
Upper-Level PSYC Topic Area 5	3 PSYC Upper-Level Elective	3
Upper-Level PSYC Topic Area 6	3 Upper-Level Elective	3
Upper-Level Elective	3 Upper-Level Elective	3
Core 12	3 Elective	3
Elective	3	
	15	12

Total Units 120-121

¹ MATH 111 (or higher), excluding MATH 204

1. Understand and apply basic research methods in Psychology, including research design, data analysis and interpretation.

2. Use critical thinking, skeptical inquiry, and the scientific approach to evaluate claims related to behavioral and mental processes.
3. Demonstrate information competence and the ability to use computers and other technology toward an understanding of Psychology.
4. Communicate effectively in a variety of formats.