

Lower Division Department Requirements for the Psychology Major:

PSU Courses	Credits	PCC Course Equivalents	Credits
Psy 200 Psychology as a Natural Science	4	PSY 201 or 201A General Psychology	4
Psy 204 Psychology as a Social Science	4	PSY 202 or 202A General Psychology	4
Stat 243 Statistics I	4	MTH 243 Statistics I	4
Stat 244 Statistics II	4	MTH 244 Statistics II	4
Elective Credits from PSY 200 and above	4	Any PSY course above PSY 202	4

Courses taken under the undifferentiated grading option (pass/no pass) will not be accepted toward fulfilling departmental major requirements.

All psychology majors are encouraged to begin their work in statistics as soon as possible in preparation for Psy 321, which is a prerequisite for many of the upper-division courses.

Besides taking courses in a range of subjects in psychology, majors are also encouraged to take courses in human biology, philosophy of science, and disciplines that provide a variety of perspectives and contexts for understanding human behavior.

Additional Recommendations:

- Psychology majors are required to do a significant number of papers. It is highly recommended students take WR 121 & WR 122. If additional skills in research writing are desired, students may also complete WR 123 or WR 222.
- Psychology majors are encouraged to take courses in sociology, anthropology, human biology, and philosophy.

In addition to the departmental requirements listed above, students must also complete coursework for university admission, general education requirements, and BA/BS requirements. Meet with a PCC Academic Advisor to develop an effective transfer plan that will meet your individual needs.

PCC DEGREE/TRANSFER INFORMATION:

Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree – The courses listed above may be included in the AAOT degree. Students who complete this degree and are accepted at Oregon public universities will be admitted as having completed all lower division comprehensive and General Education requirements for a baccalaureate degree.

Associate of Science (AS) Degree – The courses listed above may be included in the AS degree. The degree does NOT guarantee that students will be accepted as having completed all lower division comprehensive and General Education requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Student should work with an Academic Advisor to plan for transfer to the school and major of their choice.

Transfer without a PCC Degree – Students may elect to earn credits and transfer to a four-year institution without earning a PCC degree. Please meet with an Academic Advisor for an individualized plan of study.

PCC endeavors to create accurate transfer guides for students; however, requirements may change without notice. Students are responsible for working with PCC advisors and their transfer institution to ensure that their academic plan will meet requirements and timelines.

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The program in psychology was constructed with the idea that all students, regardless of major, will have to solve significant psychological problems in their relations with others, at home and at work, in their personal decisions, and in their efforts to understand the problems and processes of society. The program serves students intending to do professional work in the field; liberal arts majors who are interested in psychology as part of a liberal arts education; and students of other social sciences or in a professional field such as business, education, or medicine.

The department recommends that freshmen not enroll in psychology courses unless they have a B average (3.00 GPA) or above in high school.

The major in psychology requires a minimum of 56 credits of course work. Students must complete the required courses in statistics before taking any 400-level course or any course with statistics as a prerequisite. Because the field of psychology is varied and complex, students majoring in psychology will need guidance. All students majoring in psychology, especially those who are considering graduate work in psychology, are encouraged to plan their program with an advisor from the Department of Psychology no later than the beginning of their first term of junior standing.

All courses taken to satisfy the requirements for a major in psychology, including the mandatory statistics courses, must be passed with a grade of C- or above.

Preparing for Graduate School in Psychology

Students considering graduate work in psychology should be especially well prepared in mathematics and should take experimental psychology (Psy 454). They should consider participating in research with a faculty member. They are encouraged to develop breadth by pursuing interests in diverse fields outside psychology before beginning the greater specialization of graduate work.

If considering graduate work in psychology, the following suggestions and resources may be helpful:

- Participate in research with a faculty member
- Inquire about current research being conducted by faculty in your area of interest
- Become a member of Psi Chi
- Begin researching graduate programs no later than your junior year
- Visit the following sites to start searching for information:
http://www.gradschools.com/listings/menus/psychology_menu.html
- Begin preparing for the GRE no later than your junior year. Information can be obtained on campus at SMC M343 or via internet at <http://www1.kaplan.com/view/zine/0,1282,2,00.html>

Suggested course work for students considering graduate work:

All of the minimum requirements for a major in psychology, plus the following:

- Mth 241, Bi 101, Bi 102, Bi 103,(104, 105, 106), Psy 427, and Psy 454