

**Lower Division Department Requirements for the Psychology Major:**

U of O Courses	Quarter Credits	PCC Course Equivalents	Quarter Credits
PSY 201 Mind and Brain, 202 Mind and Society	8	<b>PSY</b> 201 or 201A* & 202 or 202A* General Psychology I & II	8
WR 121 College Composition I <b>and</b> 122 College Composition II <i>or</i> 123 College Composition III	8	<b>WR</b> 121 English Composition I <b>and</b> 122 English Composition II <i>or</i> 123 English Composition III	6-8
MTH 111 College Algebra <i>or</i> MTH 243 Statistics is recommended. Any MTH above MTH 111 is accepted	4	<b>MTH</b> 111B/C College Algebra <i>or</i> <b>MTH</b> 243 Statistics I & 244 Statistics II  Any MTH above MTH 111 is accepted	5-8
12 Credits of College Science : Biology, Chemistry or Physics (12 cr. must all be in the same category) <i>or</i> CH 111, and any two of BI 211, 212, and 213	12	Any Biology, Chemistry, or Physics (excluding Astronomy and CH 100) – all 12 credits must be in same area. <i>Exception:</i> Students may also complete 2 courses from BI 211-213 and CH 100.	12-15

**\*PCC's PSY 201A and 202A are seen as being equivalent to the U of O's PSY 201 and 202. However, students who take PSY 201A and/or 202A will need to have the U of O Psychology department contact their Registrar's office and do an "exception" for these courses to be equivalent to the U of O's PSY 201 and 202.**

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. Meet with an Academic Advisor for an individualized plan of study.

**Transfer course equivalencies:** <http://duckweb.uoregon.edu/articulation.html>

*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.*

# Psychology

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The mission of the Department of Psychology undergraduate program is to educate students about the major research findings and theories in the field of psychology and to train them to use an empirical approach for understanding human behavior. Specifically, the program endeavors to provide students with

- Broad exposure to the basic concepts, theories, findings and ethical issues of psychology;
- Education in the scientific method, including hands-on research opportunities;
- Strong critical thinking and written communication skills, including the ability to evaluate and convey the evidence for claims regarding human behavior; and
- Applied experience through internship and practicum opportunities at partnering community organizations.

All students participate in and collaborate on research as part of the academic course sequence. Interested students are encouraged to gain additional research experience through research assistant positions in faculty labs and the undergraduate honors thesis program. The psychology major affords students great flexibility in selecting upper-division courses to fit individual goals and interests. Classroom and hands-on opportunities are enriched by numerous faculty research programs that range in levels of analysis and intellectual focus. An undergraduate degree in psychology provides the background for a broad range of careers, including social services, education, law, or graduate programs in psychology.

University of Oregon's psychology curriculum is designed to provide intensive and cumulative education for students who plan to major in psychology. In general, students are expected to get a good background in writing and math for the major. This is followed by our statistics and research methods classes which lay the groundwork for higher level work. The 400 level core courses train students in important skills such as critical thinking about research, report writing, experimentation, and oral presentation, as well as providing exposure to state-of-the-art knowledge in central aspects of psychological science. At this level, there are several broad areas of investigation: cognitive psychology; biological psychology; social psychology; developmental psychology; and clinical, personality, and psychopathology. All majors are required to take a selection of core courses from these areas.

An on line version of the handbook is found at <http://psychweb.uoregon.edu/>.

To become a psychology major, all students need to do is declare psychology on their admission form to the University of Oregon. To change a major to psychology or to add psychology as an additional major, all students need to do is fill out a change of major form that can be picked up from the Psychology Department's main office. After establishing a file in the main office, a new psychology major is assigned a faculty mentor.

All required courses or their equivalents must be taken for letter grades and passed with grades of C- or better.