

Psychology

Introduction

The discipline of Psychology is the systematic study of thought, emotions and behavior of human beings. The B.A. in Psychology at UW-Stout has, as an overriding goal, a focus on application of theories, methods and concepts for the improved condition of people in a variety of environments. The program has been designed to adhere to the American Psychological Association standards for undergraduate education that emphasizes the scientific aspects of the profession as well as the liberal arts goals of Psychology. Students acquire competencies that lead to employment wherever psychology is applied, such as educational institutions, public and private agencies, business and industry. In addition to the major study, all students are expected to develop literacy in the arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. Each student is also expected to develop and demonstrate effective communication and quantitative skills as a part of the program's requirements.

Students are guided and assisted in developing a personal program plan centered on their individual needs and career goals. A minor is required, or with careful planning, students may include a self-planned concentration with a more focused emphasis in one of a variety of unique career paths in psychology. Students entering the program should realize that they may need to obtain graduate level of education or other advanced training for certain careers as practicing professional psychologists.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Arts Degree

Total for graduation.....	120 credits
General Education.....	42 credits
Major Studies.....	42 credits
Minor or second area of depth.....	15-22 credits
Additional Liberal Studies Requirement.....	8 credits
Electives.....	

Students must attain a minimum grade point average of 2.25 in required courses for the major and a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in other courses for the major.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

General Education

42 credits required

A. Communication Skills 8 credits

ENGL-101	Freshman English – Composition <i>or</i>	
ENGL-111	Freshman English – Honors I.....	3
ENGL-102	Freshman English – Reading and Related Writing <i>or</i>	
ENGL-112	Freshman English – Honors II.....	3
SPCOM-100	Fundamentals of Speech.....	2

B. Analytic Reasoning 6 credits

STAT-130	Elementary Statistics (<i>or more advanced</i>).....	2
MATH-120	Introductory College Mathematics I (<i>or more advanced</i>).....	4

C. Health and Physical Education 2 credits

Courses must be from areas of health, physical education or nutrition.

D. Humanities and the Arts 9 credits

Courses must be from three or more areas including art history, music appreciation, creative/performing arts, foreign language, history, literature, and philosophy.

E. Social and Behavioral Sciences 9 credits

Courses must be from three or more areas including anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, sociology, and cognitive neuroscience.

F. Natural Sciences (with Lab) 4 credits

G. Technology 2 credits

H. General Education Electives 2 credits

Courses must come from categories A, B, D, E and F.

Major Studies

42 credits required

Required Courses 20 credits

PSYC-110	General Psychology.....	3
PSYC-190	Psychological Research Methods.....	4
PSYC-210	Introduction to Applied Psychology.....	3
PSYC-290	Interpreting Psychological Research.....	3
PSYC-320	Psychology: Its History and Systems.....	3
PSYC-390	Experimental Psychology.....	4

Psychology Domains 12 credits

Select at least one course from each domain:

Learning and Cognition

PSYC-330	Psychology of Learning.....	3
PSYC-451	Children's Learning.....	3
PSYC-442	Cognitive Processes.....	3

Individual Differences, Personality, Social Processes

PSYC-270	Social Cognition and Behavior.....	3
PSYC-340	Psychology of Individual and Group Differences.....	3
PSYC-360	Personality Theories and Application.....	3
PSYC-490	Psychological Measurement.....	3

Biological Bases

BIO-360	Introduction to Neuroscience.....	3
PSYC-335	Motivation and Emotion.....	3
PSYC-391	Applied Psychophysiological Methods.....	3
PSYC-432	Perception.....	3

Developmental

PSYC-120	Psychology of Adjustment.....	3
PSYC-251	Child Psychology.....	3
PSYC-351	Children's Social Reasoning.....	3
PSYC-352	Adolescent Psychology.....	3
PSYC-372	Psychology of Sex and Gender.....	3

Applied 3-6 credits

Consult with advisor for current list of selectives.

Experiential 2 credits

Select 1 or 2 courses

PSYC-X49	Cooperative Ed Experience.....	2
PSYC-298, 398, 498	Field Experience.....	2
PSYC 401-600A	Body, Mind, Spirit Conference.....	1-2
PSYC-401	Workshops: Special Topics in Psychology.....	1-3
PSYC-480	Individual Research Project I.....	1
PSYC-481	Individual Research Project II.....	1
	And	
PSYC-X99	Independent Study.....	1 or more

Psychology Electives

Select additional courses in Psychology Domains, Applied, or Experiential to meet the 42 credits.

Foundations

PSYC-100 Psych Seminar I – Foundations.....1

Minor or Second Area of Depth

15-22 credits required

Students are expected to take a minor, specialization or self-planned concentration. The self-planned concentration (22-credit minimum) allows students to select course work and learning experiences that relate to a particular area of interest, and must be planned with an adviser and approved by a committee designated by the Psychology Department.

Additional Liberal Studies Requirements

8 credits required

Select 5 credits from the following:

BIO-XXX Any Biology.....1-4
CHEM-XXX Any Chemistry.....1-5
PHYS-XXX Any Physics.....1-5

Select 3 credits from the following:

ENGL-XXX Any Writing.....3