

**Psychology**

The Psychology Department offers an undergraduate major and minor in psychology. An important aspect of the program is the science/research orientation built into the curriculum. Students may specialize in areas emphasizing preparation for graduate school or for working in the profession at the bachelor's degree level. The program also provides practical experiences through an optional internship opportunity. In addition we have a graduate program in School Psychology.

**Career Opportunities**

Psychology graduates may use their degree in a variety of professions including: behavioral analyst, career counselors, group home coordinators, office managers, sales occupations, social workers, human resource recruiters, trainers, research assistants, and numerous other occupations. According to Salary Survey, in 2005, the average starting salary for Psychology graduates was \$30,073.

Approximately 25 percent of undergraduate psychology majors nationally go to graduate school. Graduates with a master's degree in psychology qualify for positions in school, counseling, and industrial organizational psychology. Graduates of master's degree programs in school psychology should have the best job prospects, as schools are expected to increase student counseling and mental health services. Other master's degree holders may find jobs as psychological assistants or counselors providing mental health services under the direct supervision of a licensed psychologist.

**Program Benefits**

- Because specialized training frequently requires special facilities and equipment, the department provides well-equipped psychology labs of exceptional sophistication for a medium-sized liberal arts university. A Child Development lab was recently built that adds to the current lab facilities.
- Students learn from 11 full-time faculty members who hold doctoral degrees and are specialists in one or more areas within the field of psychology: developmental, social, clinical, perception, physiological, learning and school psychology.
- Our majors get involved in "hands-on" research projects in classes with 18 or fewer students giving you the attention you deserve.
- The "Psychology Student Center" in Bridges Hall 360A opened its doors in October 2005. The Student Center brings the many departmental resources for psychology students into a central location that is attractive and convenient.
- MSUM psychology majors will be invited to join Psi Chi, a national honorary organization, or the Psychology Club, which is open to anyone with an interest in psychology. Joining clubs help students reach out into the campus, as well as offer professional development.

**Psychology Major**

Curriculum Requirements for Major in Psychology, B.A. Degree (42 credits)

- PSY 113 General Psychology (3)
- PSY 202 Developmental (3)
- PSY 261 Personality (3)
- PSY 231 Stat/Method I with lab (3)
- PSY 232 Stat/Method II with lab (3) (Prerequisite: PSY 231)
- PSY 330 Experimental Psychology (3) (Prerequisite: PSY 232)
- PSY 430 Advanced Experimental Psychology (3) (Prerequisite: PSY 330)
- PSY 463 Abnormal (3)
- PSY 481 Seminar (3)

Students must take at least 15 elective credits in Psychology, 9 of which must be at the 300 level or above.

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Total 42 credits

**Psychology Minor**

- PSY 113 General Psychology (3)
- PSY 202 Developmental (3)
- PSY 261 Personality (3)
- PSY 231 Stat/Method I with lab (3) or equivalent (Math 234, Soc 350)

Students must take at least 12 elective credits in Psychology courses, six of which must be at the 300 level or above (12)

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Total 24 credits

Students considering graduate school (especially in clinical and counseling psychology) should seriously consider taking many of the following psychology electives:

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| PSY 297 Directed Research                 | PSY 320 Social Psychology        |
| PSY 342 Learning and Memory               | PSY 345 Physiological Psychology |
| PSY 348 Cognition and Perception          | PSY 465 Clinical Psychology      |
| PSY 470 History and Systems of Psychology | PSY 497 Undergraduate Research   |
| PSY 469 Student Internship in Psychology  |                                  |

*Other suggested classes outside of the major include:*

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| BIOL 104 Human Biology                           | CSIS 103 Computer Concepts and Applications  |
| ED 294 Educational Psychology                    | ENGL 286 Practical Writing                   |
| ENGL 387 Technical Report Writing                | PHIL 110 Practical Reasoning                 |
| PHIL 115 Contemporary Moral Issues               | PHIL 265 Philosophy of Science               |
| SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology                | SOC 310 Dominant/Subordinate Group Relations |
| CMST 100 Speech Communication                    |  |
| CMST 301 Business and Professional Communication |  |

*Additional possible courses for those students considering mental health/clinical fields:*

- SPED 320 Educational Services for Individuals with Exceptionalities
- SPED 471 Behavior and Environment Management
- CNSA 410 Introduction to Counseling
- CSNA 420 Basic Counseling Skills

## Model Program for Psychology Major

### Freshman Year

- Fall Semester: PSY 113 General Psychology
- Spring Semester: PSY 202 Developmental Psychology or  
PSY 261 Personality

### Sophomore Year

- Fall Semester: PSY 231 Stat/Methods I (and lab)
- Spring Semester: PSY 232 Stat/Methods II (and lab)  
(Preq. PSY 231)
- Either Semester: PSY 202 Developmental Psychology or  
PSY 261 Personality (if needed)  
One or two electives in Psychology 200  
or 300 level  
Possibly PSY 292 Directed Research

### Junior Year

- Fall Semester: PSY 463 Abnormal Psychology  
(or senior year)
- Either Semester: PSY 330 Experimental Psychology  
(Preq. PSY 232)  
PSY 430 Advanced Experimental  
Psychology (Preq. PSY 330)  
Electives in Psychology 300 or 400 level

### Senior Year

- Either Semester: PSY 430 Advanced Experimental  
Psychology (Preq. PSY 330)  
PSY 463 Abnormal Psychology  
(Preq. PSY 261)  
PSY 481 Seminar in Psychology  
Possibly Independent Research or  
Internship

## Model Program for Transfer Students Entering as Juniors

This model assumes that you have taken two psychology courses before entering MSUM, a general psychology course and either a course in developmental psychology or personality. Because of your late entry in the major, we cannot guarantee two year completion. It's more realistic to complete the major in 5 semesters.

### Junior Year

- Fall Semester: PSY 231 Stat/Methods I (and lab)  
PSY 202 Developmental Psychology  
(if needed) or  
PSY 261 Personality (if needed)  
PSY 463 Abnormal Psychology  
(Preq. PSY 261)
- Spring Semester: PSY 232 Stat/Methods II (and lab)  
(Preq. 231)

- Either Semester: Electives in Psychology 200, 300 or  
400 level

### Senior Year

- Fall Semester: PSY 330 Experimental Psychology  
(Preq. 232)  
PSY 463 Abnormal Psychology  
(if needed)  
Electives in Psychology 300 or  
400 level
- Spring Semester: PSY 430 Advanced Experimental  
Psychology (Preq. 330)  
Electives in Psychology 300 or  
400 level
- Either Semester: PSY 481 Seminar in Psychology  
Possibly Independent Research or Internship

## Undergraduate Course List

- Psy 113 General Psychology (3)
- Psy 202 Developmental Psychology (3)
- Psy 220 Social Behavior (3) (not for Psychology majors)
- Psy 231-232 Psychology Stats/Methods I-II (3 each)
- Psy 261 Personality (3)
- Psy 265 Health Psychology (3)
- Psy 293 Field Work in Psychology (1-2)
- Psy 297 Directed Research (1-3)
- Psy 310 Psychology of Women (3)
- Psy 317 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse (3)
- Psy 320 Social Psychology (3)
- Psy 323 Industrial/Organization (3)
- Psy 324 Environmental Psychology (3)
- Psy 330 Experimental Psychology (3)
- Psy 342 Learning & Memory (3)
- Psy 345 Physiological Psychology (3)
- Psy 348 Cognition & Perception (3)
- Psy 402 Child/Adolescent Psychology (3)
- Psy 403 Adulthood/Aging (3)
- Psy 430 Advanced Experimental Psychology (3)
- Psy 455 Psychology of the Arts (3)
- Psy 463 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- Psy 465 Clinical Psychology (3)
- Psy 469 Student Internship in Psychology (3-12)
- Psy 470 History & Systems of Psychology (3)
- Psy 481 Seminar in Psychology (3)
- Psy 490 Topics in Psychology (3)
- Psy 492 Independent Study (1-3)
- Psy 497 Undergraduate Research (1-3)