PSYCHOLOGY, MINOR

Description of Curriculum

Courses numbered 310-318 are lecture courses, intended for both majors and non-majors. Courses numbered 350-395 are lecture courses intended primarily for majors, although non-majors interested in the subject matter may enroll. Courses numbered 401-409 are practica courses, in which students gain practical experience. They are intended primarily for majors, although non-majors with appropriate qualifications can enroll. Courses numbered 410-422 are seminar-sized laboratory courses intended primarily for majors. Each of these courses provides students with advanced training in the scientific methods of a particular subdiscipline within psychology. Courses numbered 440-469 are seminars, and audiences for these courses will vary from course to course. Contact individual instructors for details. All students preparing for graduate study in Psychology, whether or not they are majors, are advised to obtain practical experiences in areas appropriate to their interest. Students can petition for a graduate class to count as an upper level elective course. **Students must obtain instructor and Dean's approval to enroll in a graduate level course.**

Psychology Minors must take at least 21 credits of Psychology, including two Introductory (PSYC 201 Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science & PSYC 202 Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science), two courses from Social Science (310, 312, 314, 318) and two courses from Natural Science (311, 313, 315, 317), and one or more advanced courses (numbered between 350 and 480). Minors may take more credits in psychology if they desire but are not required to complete PSYC 301 Elementary Statistics or Experimental Methods (PSYC 302 Research Methods/Psy).

Students may declare a psychology minor in any semester. The Declaration of Minor form must be filled out no later than six weeks prior to graduation.

To Declare a Minor, download the Declaration of Minor Form from the Registrar's website (http://www.wm.edu/offices/registrar/forms/), fill it out, and drop it off at the Psychological Sciences Office (ISC Room 1137) to be signed. Pick up the form from the Office a couple of days later and take it over to the Registrar's Office.

Below is a breakdown of the psychology courses available for minors to choose from, arranged into three sections.

Note: Requirements for the Psychology Minor are determined by the course catalog that was in effect at the time you formally declared.

Required Credit Hours: 21

1. Introductory (take both of these):

- PSYC 201 Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science *Credits (3)*
- PSYC 202 Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science *Credits (3)*

2. Electives (pick at least 2 from each category):

Social Science

- PSYC 310 Developmental Psychology *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 312 Personality Theory *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 314 Social Psychology *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 318 Psychopathology *Credits: (3)*

Natural Science

- PSYC 311 Cognitive Psychology *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 313 Physiological Psych *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 315 Foundations of Learning and Memory *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 317 Sensation and Perception *Credits: (3)*

3. Advanced Courses (take at least one course):

- PSYC 350 Community Psychology and Prevention *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 351 Evolutionary Psychology *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 352 Cross-Cultural Psychology *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 353 History and Systems of Psychology *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 354 Motivation and Emotion *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 355 Cognitive Science *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 356 Health Psychology *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 360 Adult Development *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 362 Sexuality *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 406 Service Learning in Developmental Psychology *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 440 Perception & Representation in Art and Architecture *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 441 Neuroscience of Musical Cognition *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 442 Psychology of Decision Making *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 445 Psychopharmacology *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 447 Cognitive Neuroscience *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 451 Seminar in Evolutionary Psychology *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 452 Close Relationships *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 453 Infancy *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 455 Autobiographical Memory *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 456 Stereotypes & Prejudice *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 457 Plastic Brain *Credits: (3)*
- PSYC 470 Topics in Psychology *Credits: (1-4)*