

PSYCHOLOGY

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The psychology program emphasizes the scientific approach to the study of human behavior and mental processes. Psychology bridges the gap between the biological and social sciences by bringing students into contact with the facts and theories of their biological heritage, their relationship to the environment, their inter-relationship with the social world, and with the application of the scientific method to study the many facets of human nature. Courses in psychology emphasize knowledge of scientific theory and recent studies in the field, as well as self-understanding and self-evaluation.

Students in the fields of education, criminal justice, sociology, business administration or any of the helping professions may increase their understanding of their clientele with psychology courses.

The psychology program at UProvidence is special because:

1. The program has an in-depth set of core courses while also encouraging students to delve into a sub-discipline of psychology by offering 4 specialized concentrations and one generalist concentration.
2. The program prepares students for careers in a wide variety of disciplines including mental health, educational services, social services, welfare, corrections, and the human services field.
3. The program solidly prepares students for entrance into graduate programs in psychology, counseling, criminal justice, sociology, business administration, and the health care fields.
4. Internships and field experiences are encouraged. These experiences allow students to practice what they are learning in a practical way while gaining skills that help them to secure employment and/or entrance into graduate programs.
5. The program faculty members have diverse backgrounds. They bring this knowledge and experience into the classroom in order to enhance student knowledge of the broad field of psychology.
6. Personal development is a core goal of the program and all students have multiple opportunities to develop insight into their own and others' behavior and mental processes while learning to value and respect the complex diversity that exists in the world.
7. The scientist/practitioner focus of the program ensures that students learn to effectively integrate the lens of science with an ethic of care.
8. The small class size allows for more conversation, discussion, feedback, and interaction with professors and peers.

Program Outcomes for Psychology Major/Minor

The psychology program follows the guidelines suggested by the American Psychological Association. The five goals recommended by the APA for undergraduate psychology programs are listed below, each followed by the outcome that is measured to indicate if the goal is being met.

- Describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology.

- Interpret, design, conduct, and communicate basic psychological research.
- Engage in innovative and integrative thinking and problem solving.
- Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice.
- Build and enhance relationships and develop respect for diverse attitudes and culture.
- Demonstrate effective writing and presentation skills for different purposes.
- Develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation.

Degree Requirements

- Bachelor Degree Requirements

Psychology Major (B.A.)

Code	Title	Credits
PSY 200	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 201	PERSONALITY THEORY	3
PSY 212	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 220	SOCIOCLTRL & INTERNTL AWRENESS	3
PSY 326	ETHICS IN HUMAN SERVICES	3
PSY 330	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 352	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 355	PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING	3
or PSY 360	COGNITIVE SCIENCE	
PSY 422	EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	4
PSY 450	PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY I	3
PSY 490	SENIOR PSYCH CAPSTONE SEMINAR	3
MTH 108	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	3
SCS 312	SOC RSRCH MTHDS & APPLIED STAT	4
Specialized Concentration		11-13
Total Credits Required:		52-54

Specialized Concentrations

Generalist Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Select One Course from Helping Skills Concentration		3
Select One Course from Human Services Concentration		3
Select One Course from Forensic Psychology Concentration		3
Select One Course from Phys. Psych Concentration		3-4
Total Credits Required:		12-13

Helping Skills Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
PSY 241	THEORIES OF HELPING ¹	3
PSY 340	HELPING SKILLS ¹	3
PSY 498	GROUP THEORIES AND PROCESS ¹	3
PSY 451	PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY II	3
or PSY 495	INTERNSHIP	
Total Credits Required:		12

¹ Students completing a dual major in psychology and addictions counseling may use PSY 241 THEORIES OF HELPING, PSY 340 HELPING SKILLS, and PSY 498 GROUP THEORIES AND PROCESS toward the helping skills concentration in psychology

Social Services Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
PSY 394	CASEWORK METHODS & PRACTICES	3
SOC 201	SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY	3
PSY 396	CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT	3
SOC 304	SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANT BEHAVIOR	3
or CRJ 401	JUVENILE JUSTICE	
Total Credits Required:		12

Forensic Psychology Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
PSY 396	CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT	3
PSY 480	FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY	3
SOC 304	SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANT BEHAVIOR	3
CRJ 401	JUVENILE JUSTICE	3
or CRJ 446	VICTIMOLOGY	
Total Credits Required:		12

Physiological Psychology Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
BIO 151	GENERAL BIOLOGY I	4
BIO 152	GENERAL BIOLOGY II	4
PSY 451	PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY II	3
Total Credits Required:		11

Sports Psychology Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
EXS 233	SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT	3
EXS 260	SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 241	THEORIES OF HELPING	3
PSY 340	HELPING SKILLS	3
Total Credits Required:		12

Psychology Minor

Code	Title	Credits
PSY 200	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 201	PERSONALITY THEORY	3
PSY 212	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 326	ETHICS IN HUMAN SERVICES	3
PSY 330	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 352	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 355	PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING	3
or PSY 360	COGNITIVE SCIENCE	
Approved 300/400 level PSY elective		3
Total Credits Required:		24