
PSYCHOLOGY

FACULTY

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DEGREE PROGRAMS

- BS in Psychology
Concentrations: Child Psychology, Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Medical and Health Psychology
- MA - Psychology

UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

- Psychology
- Forensic Psychology*

*Interdisciplinary Minor

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The objectives of the Department of Psychology are to 1) provide all students with an understanding of psychology and what psychologists do; 2) give students (where applicable) a background in psychology that will help them do their jobs better; 3) give our terminal majors sufficient training to enhance their opportunities for vocational placement in psychology-related occupations; 4) give our majors who intend to become professional psychologists sufficient preparation to permit them to be competitive in achieving admission to and success in graduate schools.

Note: The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology is inactive

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

PSYC 100 Introductory Psychology
PSYC 201 Statistics for Psychology*

or

MATH 110 Elementary Statistics I*
PSYC 224 Child Psychology

or

PSYC 227 Development Through the Life Cycle
PSYC 252 Psychology of Learning
PSYC 310 Social Psychology
PSYC 320 Research Methods in Psychology*
PSYC 342 Biopsychology
PSYC 360 Psychology of Personality

*A Psychology major who receives a C- or below in PSYC 201 or MATH 110 or PSYC 320 must repeat the course(s) for a higher grade. Please see "Repeat Courses" in the "Undergraduate Academic Policies" section of this catalog.

In addition, psychology majors must select five elective courses as follows:

Advanced psychological studies (select one of the following courses):

PSYC 303 Survey of Psychological Testing
PSYC 319 History of Psychology
PSYC 321 Psychology of Human Differences
PSYC 350 Special Topics in Psychology
PSYC 404 Attitude and Personality Measurement
PSYC 460 Neuropsychology
PSYC 490 Senior Seminar

Biobehavioral, cognitive, and social psychological studies (select one of the following courses):

PSYC 210 Applied Social Psychology
PSYC 230 Cross-Cultural Psychology
PSYC 280 Consumer Psychology
PSYC 305 Psychology of Personnel Selection
PSYC 313 Industrial and Organizational Psychology
PSYC 337 Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 340 Sensation and Perception
PSYC 342 Biopsychology
PSYC 344 Drugs and Human Behavior
PSYC 345 Psychology of Consciousness
PSYC 355 Behavior Analysis
PSYC 385 Environmental Psychology
PSYC 474 Forensic Psychology

Clinical Studies and Practicum and Research (select one of the following courses):

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Note: See Catalog Web Addenda at www.bridgew.edu/catalog/addenda/ as that information supersedes the published version of this catalog.

PSYC 365 Medical Psychology
 PSYC 369 Psychology of Criminal Behavior
 PSYC 370 Abnormal Psychology
 PSYC 470 Clinical Psychology
 PSYC 475 Psychology of Group Behavior
 PSYC 492 Seminar: Clinical Methods in Medical Psychology
 PSYC 494 Clinical Practicum: Forensic Psychology
 PSYC 495 Practicum: Medical Psychology
 PSYC 496 Personnel Practicum
 PSYC 497 Research
 PSYC 498 Clinical Practicum
 PSYC 499 Directed Study in Psychology

Plus two additional electives: any two psychology courses.

Also required:

One biology lab course from the following:

BIOL 100 General Principles of Biology

or

BIOL 102 Introduction to Zoology

Students enrolled prior to Fall 1987 and transfer students enrolled prior to September 1989 are required to complete a foreign language through the intermediate level or its equivalent.

Core Curriculum Requirements

A minimum of 120 earned hours is required for graduation. These earned hours include Core Curriculum Requirements as specified in the “Undergraduate Academic Programs” section of this catalog. For additional graduation requirements, see the “Undergraduate Academic Policies” section of this catalog.

CHILD PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

The concentration in child psychology provides students with a more specialized education in the field of child psychology and development and knowledge of psychological testing and interventions used with children.

PSYC 100 Introductory Psychology

PSYC 201 Statistics for Psychology*

(MATH 110 Elementary Statistics I is accepted but not recommended*)

PSYC 224 Child Psychology

PSYC 252 Psychology of Learning

PSYC 310 Social Psychology

PSYC 320 Research Methods in Psychology*

PSYC 342 Biopsychology

PSYC 360 Psychology of Personality

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Choose one: (Testing)

PSYC 303 Survey of Psychological Testing

PSYC 321 Psychology of Human Differences

PSYC 404 Attitude and Personality Measurement

Choose one: (Cognitive Development)

PSYC 327 Psychology of Exceptional Children

PSYC 328 Psychology of Mental Retardation

PSYC 337 Cognitive Psychology

Choose one: (Biological Development in Children)

BIOL 100 General Principles of Biology

BIOL 102 Introduction to Zoology

Choose one: (Abnormal Psychology)

PSYC 325 Developmental Psychopathology

PSYC 370 Abnormal Psychology

Choose one: (Elective)

(Note: PSYC 226 and PSYC 227 may *not* be taken as an elective. See below.)

PSYC 210 Applied Social Psychology

PSYC 230 Cross-Cultural Psychology

PSYC 319 History of Psychology

PSYC 344 Drugs and Human Behavior

PSYC 350 Special Topics in Psychology

PSYC 355 Behavior Analysis

PSYC 365 Medical Psychology

PSYC 369 Psychology of Criminal Behavior

PSYC 385 Environmental Psychology

PSYC 470 Clinical Psychology

PSYC 490 Senior Seminar

Choose one:

SCWK 334 Intervention with Family Systems

SCWK 392 Treating Childhood Sexual Abuse

SOCI 103 Social Problems

SOCI 203 The Family

SOCI 322 Sociology of Childhood

The following courses may be taken but will not be counted toward the minimum major requirements and the Child Psychology Concentration requirements:

PSYC 226 Adolescent Psychology

PSYC 227 Development Through the Life Cycle

Note: To substitute PSYC 350 Special Topics for any requirement on this list, a student must have the permission of his or her adviser and the chairperson of the Department of Psychology.

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INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

This concentration will provide students with an understanding of the psychological principles related to personnel work and the application of these principles to business and industry.

PSYC 100 Introductory Psychology
 PSYC 201 Statistics for Psychology*
 (MATH 110 Elementary Statistics I is accepted but not recommended*)

PSYC 227 Development Through the Life Cycle
 PSYC 252 Psychology of Learning
 PSYC 310 Social Psychology
 PSYC 320 Research Methods in Psychology*
 PSYC 342 Biopsychology
 PSYC 360 Psychology of Personality

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Additional requirements for Industrial and Organizational Psychology students include:

PSYC 210 Applied Social Psychology
 PSYC 303 Survey of Psychological Testing
 or
 PSYC 404 Attitude and Personality Measurement
 PSYC 305 Psychology of Personnel Selection
 PSYC 313 Industrial and Organizational Psychology
 PSYC 321 Psychology of Human Differences
 PSYC 496 Personnel Practicum

One biology lab course from the following:

BIOL 100 General Principles of Biology
 or
 BIOL 102 Introduction to Zoology

Also required:

ACFI 240 Principles of Accounting I
 or
 COMP 105 Computers and their Applications:
 An Introduction
 ENGL 201 Technical Writing I
 HIST 462 American Labor History
 SOCI 350 Sociology of Work
 or
 SOCI 332 Sociology of Organizations

One course from the following:

COMM 303 Introduction to Organizational
 Communication
 ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics
 ECON 102 Principles of Macroeconomics

Core Curriculum Requirements

A minimum of 120 earned hours is required for graduation. These earned hours include Core Curriculum Requirements as specified in the “Undergraduate Academic Programs” section of this catalog. For additional graduation requirements, see the “Undergraduate Academic Policies” section of this catalog.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

PSYC 100 Introductory Psychology
 PSYC 201 Statistics for Psychology*
 (MATH 110 Elementary Statistics I is accepted but not recommended*)

PSYC 227 Development Through the Life Cycle
 PSYC 252 Psychology of Learning
 PSYC 310 Social Psychology
 PSYC 320 Research Methods in Psychology*
 PSYC 342 Biopsychology
 PSYC 360 Psychology of Personality

*A Psychology major who receives a C- or below in PSYC 201 or MATH 110 or PSYC 320 must repeat the course(s) for a higher grade. Please see “Repeat Courses” in the “Undergraduate Academic Policies” section of this catalog.

Additional requirements for Medical and Health Psychology students include:

PSYC 303 Survey of Psychological Testing
 PSYC 342 Biopsychology
 PSYC 344 Drugs and Human Behavior

or
 PSYC 355 Behavior Analysis
 PSYC 365 Medical Psychology

PSYC 492 Seminar: Clinical Methods in
Medical Psychology
PSYC 495 Practicum: Medical Psychology

One biology lab course from the following:
BIOL 100 General Principles of Biology
or
BIOL 102 Introduction to Zoology

Also required:
ANTH 330 Medical Anthropology
or
SOC 307 Medical Sociology
CHEM 102 Chemistry in Everyday Life
or
PHYS 102 Modern Physics for the Humanist
ENGL 201 Technical Writing I
PHIL 205 Medical Ethics
SCWK 400 Social Services in the Health Care Field

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A minimum of 120 earned hours is required for graduation. These earned hours include Core Curriculum Requirements as specified in the “Undergraduate Academic Programs” section of this catalog. For additional graduation requirements, see the “Undergraduate Academic Policies” section of this catalog.

It is strongly recommended that all psychology majors planning further work in psychology at the graduate level take PSYC 319 History of Psychology. Such students should also elect courses which will develop their computational and writing skills. In addition, some computer literacy is advantageous.

DOUBLE MAJOR WITH ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students may choose a double major in psychology and elementary education, early childhood education or special education for licensure purposes. Appropriate advising materials with suggested course sequences are available.

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

Required Courses:
PSYC 369 Psychology of Criminal Behavior
PSYC 370 Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 474 Forensic Psychology
PSYC 494 Clinical Practicum: Forensic Psychology
SOC 328 Criminology

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Select one course from the following electives:
CRJU/SOCI 310 Women and Crime
SOC 313 Family Violence
CRJU/SOCI 334 White Collar Crime
CRJU 354 Corrections
CRJU/SOCI 355 Juvenile Delinquency

Note: Only two courses may be counted toward the minor that have already been counted toward the student’s major.

Course Sequence:
PSYC 100 must be taken before any other PSYC course
PSYC 369 must be taken before PSYC 494
SOC 328 must be taken before the SOC elective is taken

For further information concerning the forensic psychology interdisciplinary minor contact Dr. Elizabeth Englander at englander@bridgew.edu or 508.531.1385.

PSYCHOLOGY MINOR

PSYC 100 Introductory Psychology
Five other psychology courses to fit the needs of the individual students.

HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program in Psychology provides highly motivated psychology majors with opportunities to enhance their academic program through intensive scholarly study and research designed to be of assistance in post-graduate employment or in the pursuit of an advanced degree in psychology. Contact the Department of Psychology for further information concerning eligibility and application.

GRADUATE PROGRAM

Graduate Program Coordinator: Dr. Michael Murtagh

MASTER OF ARTS

The Department of Psychology offers a graduate program leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Psychology. This program, which prepares the student to sit for the examination for licensure as a mental health counselor in Massachusetts, equips students to help individuals who may have a variety of behavioral, cognitive and emotional challenges. It may also serve as a stepping-stone to further graduate training (PhD or PsyD).

The Master of Arts in Psychology is a clinical program with a curriculum designed to provide a firm foundation in the understanding of human behavior and clinical disorders, as well as specific skills in psychotherapy and psychological assessment. Research methods and statistics are emphasized as essential tools for clinical professionals – e.g., in performing clinical outcome studies and program evaluations, and in staying current with the empirical literature. Students are exposed to a range of empirically supported therapeutic methods, with special emphasis on cognitive-behavioral techniques. Experiential learning is an essential component of the program, with 15 credits of practica and internships required.

Each applicant will be examined in light of his or her own academic record as well as work related experience. All applicants must submit GRE General test scores, three letters of recommendation, undergraduate transcript(s) and work related history. Applicants must possess an undergraduate degree in either psychology or a closely related field. Since enrollment is limited, successful candidates should have a minimum of 3.0 GPA as an undergraduate, above average GRE scores and some experience in the field. Final candidates will also receive a personal interview from the Admissions Committee.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE

Students must complete a minimum of 61 approved graduate credits for the Master of Arts in Psychology. Students must complete a written comprehensive examination before graduation; students who complete a thesis may substitute their oral defense for the written examination.

All students will complete a 45 credits academic core, and 15 credit clinical core (including practicum and internship).

ACADEMIC CORE

First Year Courses

The following courses **must** be taken within the Department of Psychology.

Fall:

PSYC 505 Research Methods and Design I3 credits

PSYC 509 Foundations of Clinical Practice3 credits

PSYC 511 Theories of Psychotherapy3 credits

Spring:

PSYC 506 Research Methods and Design II3 credits

PSYC 512 Evaluation Techniques3 credits

PSYC 575 Psychopathology3 credits

Second Year Courses

First year courses must be completed before beginning second year courses.

Fall:

PSYC 500 Developmental Human

Psychology3 credits

PSYC 541 Psychotherapy:Theory and

Practice I3 credits

Spring:

PSYC 513 Psychopharmacology for Non-medical

Professionals3 credits

PSYC 542 Psychotherapy:Theory and

Practice II 3 credits

Other Program Requirements

The following courses may be taken at any time, assuming any prerequisites have been met.

PSYC 508 Advanced Seminar

PSYC 516 Multicultural Counseling

PSYC 517 Career Information and Placement

PSYC 518 Theory and Process of Group Interaction

Seminar and Research

All students are required to complete one of the following two courses: PSYC 504 Research (Thesis) or an additional PSYC 508 Advanced Seminar.

PSYC 504 Research4 credits

PSYC 508 Advanced Seminar3 credits

CLINICAL CORE

All students must complete 100 hours of practicum and 600 hours of internship.

PSYC 591 Clinical Practicum3 credits

PSYC 592 Internship 12 credits

(maximum of 6 credits each semester)

Important: Only 500 level courses will be accepted for credit in the MA Program in psychology. Matriculating students may not transfer any second year courses into the program. Under current guidelines established by the commonwealth, students completing the program of study in psychology will be eligible (after completing the required number of post-graduate supervised clinical hours) to sit for the examination for licensure as a mental health counselor in Massachusetts.