

The Psychology Major - 2020-2021 Catalog

Required Courses:

PSYC 101	Principles of Psychology (Also counts as GE Area E)	3 units		
PSYC 261	Research Methods in Psychology Prerequisites: GE Area A2 (ENGL 130W or JOUR 130W or equivalent); PSYC 101 (PSYC 101 may be taken concurrently)	3 units		
PSYC 301	Navigating Psychology: The Major and Beyond Prerequisites: GE Area A2; PSYC 101 (PSYC 101 may be taken concurrently)	3 units		
PSYC 364	Statistical Methods in Psychology (lecture + laboratory) Prerequisites: GE Area A2, PSYC 101 , PSYC 261	4 units		
PSYC 334	Cognition Prerequisites: GE Area A2, PSYC 101 , PSYC 261	3 units		
PSYC 324	Biological Psychology (lecture + laboratory) Prerequisites: GE Area A2, PSYC 101 , PSYC 261	4 units		
PSYC 466	Elements of Learning and Behavior Prerequisites: GE Area A2, PSYC 101 , PSYC 261	3 units		
PSYC 401W	Capstone Seminar in Psychology (GW)* Must be completed with a C- or better. Prerequisites: GE Area A2 , PSYC 101 , PSYC 261 , PSYC 364 , and at least four other courses in the major	3 units		

* A limited number of students, selected based on merit, may complete a two-semester Honors Seminar (PSYC 399HW and PSYC 499H) instead of PSYC 401.

One Course from Each of Four of the Following Five Subfields:

Development:

PSYC 353	Learning in the Young Child	3 units		
PSYC 354	Psychology of Adulthood and Aging	3 units		
PSYC 355	Survey of Child/Adolescent Psychology	3 units		

Individual Processes/Wellness:

PSYC 323	Health Psychology	3 units		
PSYC 381	Abnormal Psychology	3 units		
PSYC 382	Psychology of Personality	3 units		

Social Processes:

PSYC 315	Environmental Psychology	3 units		
PSYC 393	Psychology of Romantic Relationships	3 units		
PSYC 395	Social Psychology	3 units		

Diversity:

PSYC 341	Cross-Cultural Psychology (GC)	3 units		
PSYC 345	Psychology of Women (GE)	3 units		
PSYC 391	Psychology of Prejudice, Hate, and Violence (GE/USD)	3 units		

Brain/Mind/History:

PSYC 321	Brain, Mind, and Behavior (GE)	3 units		
PSYC 333	Human Perception	3 units		
PSYC 425	Neuropsychology	3 units		
PSYC 463	History and Systems of Psychology	3 units		

Two Elective Psychology Courses*:

Any PSYC course except those graded CR/NC	3 units		
Any PSYC course <i>including</i> those graded CR/NC	1-3 units		

* Courses that can count here include "extra" courses taken from the above subfields, Psychology courses transferred from community colleges or other Universities, PSYC courses also counted toward GE (PSYC 100 [A3], PSYC 151 [D1/USD], PSYC 152 [D2]), other PSYC courses listed in the University Catalog (e.g., PSYC 110, PSYC 361 [Research], PSYC 414, PSYC 489 [Internship], PSYC 524, PSYC 560, PSYC 571, and PSYC 573), PHIL 367, and PHIL 375, with the restriction that at least one of the two must be a 3-unit (or more) letter-graded course.

Total:

14 Psychology Courses	42-44 units
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Notes:

Important things to do:

- As needed: To add, drop, or swap a major or a minor, go to <https://www.csuchico.edu/sro/forms/plan-change.shtml>, follow the instructions to fill out and print the form, obtain signatures as needed, and submit the completed form to the Registrar.
- Every semester (early October and early April): Go to your student center page to find your upcoming enrollment appointment (follow the link to get the exact time that your appointment begins).
- Every semester: Plan next semester's schedule, place desired courses in your shopping cart, and enroll at the exact moment your enrollment appointment begins. Any delay in enrolling may cost you a seat in a crucial class!
- Frequently: Consult your Degree Progress Report (DPR) and/or see an advisor to make sure you are meeting all requirements in a timely fashion.
- At least one year before you finish your last course: Apply to graduate by following the instructions and paying the required fee at <https://www.csuchico.edu/gradadvising/graduation-application.shtml>. This is required to receive your degree and, importantly, doing this on time provides you the proper enrollment priority as a graduating senior, so please take this seriously!
- March/April of your final Spring semester: If you plan to "walk" at commencement, follow the instructions to register for the ceremony at <https://www.csuchico.edu/commencement/>.

Important things to keep in mind about the Psychology Major:

- Prerequisites are strictly enforced. Note in particular that PSYC 364 must be completed *before* PSYC 401W and therefore PSYC 364 must be completed *before* your final term.
- Course sequencing ensures that students participate in major coursework during no fewer than three semesters; it is not possible (or desirable) to complete major coursework in a shorter time frame.
- A psychology course taken elsewhere may be approved as a substitution for one of our courses only under the condition that it is substantially identical in content, rigor, academic level, unit load, and pedagogical methods. It is generally impossible to find substitutions for our laboratory courses (PSYC 364 and PSYC 324) at other institutions, and as the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement course, PSYC 401W must be taken at Chico State.
- Psychology is a heavily populated major with substantial enrollment pressure in most courses. In accordance with University policy, students taking a course for the first time must be given enrollment priority over students wishing to repeat the course.
- Psychology is a "low-unit" major. The requirements for the Psychology Major and General Education can be met within about 90 units of coursework (or fewer with double-counting). Students are expected to have a plan for taking elective units to meet the University minimum of 120 total units. Selecting a minor is a good idea but is not required.
- The Psychology Department does its best to help everyone graduate on time, but students who disregard any of the above policies, requirements, or recommendations will not automatically be given special consideration.
- Contrary to a common misconception, a grade of D (or D+) *is* a passing grade in all courses in the major except PSYC 401W (which must be passed with a C- or better). Keep in mind, however, that you must have at least a 2.0 GPA in the major to graduate.