

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

B.A. in Psychology

Department of Psychology Undergraduate Degree Program Information — <http://psy.fau.edu>

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY: *Minimum of 120 Credit Hours Required*

All students are required to complete at least 40 hours in college-level psychology course work. At least 20 of the 40 semester hours must be taken at Florida Atlantic University, and a minimum of 37 semester hours of the 40 hours must be upper-division (3000-4000 level). Up to 9 hours of lower-division psychology course work may be applied to the psychology major upon approval of the department.

Students are strongly urged to complete major and general requirements in as timely a manner as possible. If the student leaves a required course until the final semester, and the course is either not offered or is closed, the student's graduation *will* be delayed.

Please see the Degree Requirements section of the University Catalog for **other** important graduation requirements:

<http://www.fau.edu/registrar/universitycatalog/welcome.php> Although there are no minimum grades required for any courses in the major, a MINIMUM GPA OF 2.0 IN THE MAJOR AND OVERALL IS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.

I. GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY REQUIREMENTS*: Nine courses (25 credit hours) are required of all majors.

DEP 3053	Psychology of Human Development	3	PSY 3234	Experimental Design & Statistical Inference	3
EXP 3505	Cognition	3	SOP 3004	Social Psychology	3
PSB 3002	Biological Bases of Behavior I	3	STA 3163L	Intermediate Statistics Lab	1
PSY 1012	General Psychology	3	(see below)	Laboratory in Psychology	3
PSY 3213	Research Methods in Psychology	3			

Psychology Laboratory Options: *This requirement may be met by: a) Existing laboratory courses: DEP 4797C Human Development Lab; EXP 4934C Cognition Laboratory; PSB 3002L Computer Lab in Psychobiology; PSB 4004L Laboratory in Psychobiology; SOP 4230C Laboratory in Social Behavior; OR b) Special Topics laboratory courses – PSY 4930 Research in (Varied Topics); OR c) Upper-division Directed Independent Study laboratory courses (PSY 4906; requires memo from instructor certifying lab experience); OR d) an Honors Thesis (PSY 4970).*

*For transfer students: If an equivalent lower division course has been taken in place of the above, it may be substituted (with the permission of a psychology advisor) granted that an upper-division psychology elective/lab in that same content area is also completed in the major. Lower-division substitutes for required psychology courses WILL NOT be counted as upper-division courses toward general graduation requirements.

II. PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS: A minimum of five additional courses (15 credit hours) are to be selected from the list of other courses offered within the department.

CBH 4024	Comparative Animal Behavior	3	PSB 4323	Human Psychophysiology	3
CLP 4144	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSB 4444	Psychopharmacology	3
CLP 4343	Clinical Psychology	3	PSB 4504	Developmental Psychobiology	3
DEP 3134	Childhood Bilingualism	3	PSB 4810	Neurobiology of Learning and Memory	3
DEP 4095	Personality and Social Development	3	*PSB 4833	Biopsychology of Language	3
DEP 4115	Infant Development	3	PSB 5117	Biological Vision (<i>graduate-level</i>)	3
DEP 4130	Language Acquisition	3	PSB 5515	Developmental Neurobiology	3
DEP 4163	Cognitive Development	3	PSY 1930	Univ. Scholars Seminar in Psych	3
DEP 4305	Psychology of Adolescence	3	PSY 2930	Special Topics in Psychology	3
DEP 4797C [#]	Human Development Lab	3	PSY 4053	Psychology and the Law	3
EXP 4120	Auditory Perception	3	PSY 4302	Personality Test and Measurement	3
EXP 4180	Music Perception and Cognition	3	PSY 4604	History and Systems of Psychology	3
EXP 4204	Human Perception	3	PSY 4810	Evolutionary Psychology	3
EXP 4304	Psychology of Motivation	3	*PSY 4812	Advanced Evolutionary Psychology	3
EXP 4404	Psychology of Learning	3	PSY 4906 ^{#*}	Directed Independent Study	1-3
EXP 4525	Human Memory	3	PSY 4930	Special Topics in Psychology	3
EXP 4620	Psychology of Reading	3	PSY 4932 ^{††}	Honors Seminar	3
EXP 4640	Psychology of Language	3	PSY 4970 ^{††}	Honors Thesis	1-3
EXP 4934C [#]	Cognition Laboratory	3	SOP 3742	Psychology of Women	3
PCO 4734	Interpersonal Processes	3	SOP 4230C [#]	Social Behavior Laboratory	3
PPE 4003	Personality Theories	3	SOP 4751	Psychology and the Law	3
PPE 4700	Experimental Studies of Personality	3	SYP 4002	Current Issues in Social Psychology	3
PSB 3002L [#]	Computer Lab in Psychobiology	3	*SYP 4010	Individual in Modern Culture	3
*PSB 4004L [#]	Laboratory in Psychobiology	3	*SYP 4030	Intra- and Inter- Group Processes	3
PSB 4006	Biological Bases of Behavior II	3	*SYP 4120	Social Cognition	3
PSB 4240	Neuropsychology	3			

*Select courses preceded by an asterisk are expected to be dropped from the catalog offerings in the next year.

[#]The same course cannot be used to satisfy two different requirements for the major at the same time. A course counted as a Psychology laboratory cannot be counted as a Psychology Elective simultaneously.

^{*}Maximum of 3 credits of DIS may be counted toward Psychology Elective Requirement.

^{††}Enrollment in Honors Thesis and Honors Seminar is limited to Honors students.

III. COGNATE AREA REQUIREMENTS:

Before enrolling in the following courses, students should determine whether the controlling department requires prerequisites or co-requisites. Substitutions for transferred coursework may require formal evaluation by the FAU department controlling the course(s) in question.

Biological Sciences: All students must have six (6) credit hours of Biological Science to be chosen from the following courses. Other BSC or ZOO courses may be substituted only by approval from the Psychology Department:

BSC 1010	Biological Principles	3	BSC 2085	Anatomy & Physiology 1	3
BSC 1011	Biodiversity	3	BSC 2086	Anatomy & Physiology 2	3

Mathematical Sciences: All students must have six (6) credit hours of Mathematics to be chosen from the following courses:

MAC 1105	College Algebra	3	MAC 2233	Methods of Calculus	3
MAC 1114	Trigonometry	3	MAC 2241, 2242	Life Science Calculus 1, 2	3
MAC 1140	Pre-Calculus Algebra	3	MAC 2281, 2282	Calc for Engineers 1, 2	4
MAC 1147	Pre-Calculus Algebra & Trigonometry	4-5	MAC 2311, 2312, 2313	Calc w/Analytic Geom 1, 2, 3	4

Note that all of the MAC courses may be used to satisfy the University's Gordon Rule (Computational Skills) requirement if the student earns a grade of "C" or higher in the course. PSY 3234 Experimental Design & Statistical Inference is a required psychology course, but it also counts as a Gordon Rule (Computational Skills) course. These may also be used toward the State of Florida's CLAS requirement. See the university catalog for more information.

Laboratories for the cognate courses are NOT required for the major, but students should check with their academic advisors and the controlling departments to determine whether laboratories are needed in order to satisfy general graduation requirements.

IV. OTHER PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Transfer Credits: At least 28 of the 40 semester hours in psychology for this degree program must be taken at Florida Atlantic University, and a minimum of 37 semester hours of the 40 hours must be upper-division (3000-4000 level). Up to 12 credits of transfer psychology coursework may be applied to the psychology major, upon approval of the department. Please note that no more than 9 credits of the transfer coursework applied to the major can be at the lower-division level.

Honors Program: Qualified students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology are invited to participate in the departmental Honors Program. Students may apply for and be admitted to Honors Program after completion of 45 credit hours and prior to the completion of 105 hours. Students must have a minimum of a 3.2 GPA overall and in the major to be admitted to and to be retained in the program. Students in the Honors Program must take **Honors Seminar (PSY 4932)**, **Honors Critical Questions (PSY 4930)** and 3 credits of **Honors Thesis/Project (PSY 4970)**. Questions about eligibility for this program should be directed to the Psychology Department Office at 561-297-3360.

Certificate in Mental Health Counseling: The certificate is available to students who meet the application requirements for the program (earning a "C" in CLP 4144 Abnormal Psychology, having a 3.0 GPA and 60 credit hours earned) and who complete the following 12 required credits and a minimum of 3 credits from the list on the right with a "C" or better:

Required			Elective Choices		
SDS 3340	Career & Lifespan Development	3	PSY 4930	Psychology and the Law	3
SDS 4410	Interpersonal Communication Skills	3	SDS 3483	Univ. Student Mentoring & Peer Coaching	3
PSY 4930	Clinical Psychology	3	MHS 5930	Special Topics in Counseling: Emotion Coding & Non-verbal Observational Research (Dept. permission)	3
PSB 4240	Neuropsychology	3			

Minor in Psychology: A minor in Psychology is available for students who complete the following 15 credits in psychology:

PSY 1012	General Psychology	3	PSB 3002	Biological Bases of Behavior	3
DEP 3053	Human Development	3	SOP 3004	Social Psychology	3
EXP 3505	Cognition	3			

Boca Raton Academic Advising: ALL undergraduate academic advising for psychology students will be handled by the staff of the Student Services Office for the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. This advising will address the requirements for the major as well as for the other general graduation requirements that must be completed. The Student Services Office is located in the Science and Engineering Building (SE) in room 308. Students can arrange for an advising appointment with the staff in that office by logging into the Starfish system online. Students needing further assistance can contact the office by telephone at 561-297-3700. Psychology department faculty (on all campuses) are available to students for guidance in career choices, graduate training, research opportunities, information about specific sub-disciplines within the field, etc. Undergraduate students are strongly encouraged to seek out a faculty mentor to complement the comprehensive academic planning that is offered via the College of Science's Student Services Office.

Other Campuses: Advising on the *Davie* campus is provided by the Academic Coordinator in the Davie Student Services Office at (954) 236-1103. Advising on the *MacArthur* campus in *Jupiter* is conducted by Academic Advising and Services at (561) 799-8697 or (561) 799-8698.