Advising for Psychology Majors
Major Requirements

Get into the following classes as early as you can
• 203 (Elementary Psychological Statistics)
• 275 (Research Methods)
• 123 (Psychology Orientation)

Choose 4 of the following 5 perspectives courses, but fifth can count as an elective
• 302 or 303 (Psychology of Abnormal Behavior)
• 305 (Social Psychology)
• 380 (Cognitive Psychology)
• 383 (Biological Psychology)
• 391 (Developmental Psychology)

Choose 1 of the 3 following capstone courses
• 464 (History of Psychology)
• 470 (Research in Psychology)
• 490 (Special Topics)
Students working in research labs enroll in
• 446 (Independent Study)
• 480 (Advanced Research in Psychology)

Excellent preparation for graduate school
Answers to FAQs

- YES, do talk to your instructor if serious life events may jeopardize your performance in class.
- YES, a hold will be on your account at the start of every semester.
- NO, 123 cannot be waived (e.g., for transfer students)
- NO, neither instructors / the department chair CAN add students into 123, 203, and 275.
Not sure what you want to do?

Consider a minor or double major to increase your marketability:
- African American Studies
- Neuroscience
- Anthropology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Criminal Justice
- Sociology
- Women’s and Gender Studies
- Business
- Statistics
- Economics
- Computer Science
What can I do with a Bachelors degree in Psychology?

1. Advertising
   - Example: Web developer for a non-profit org
   - Preparation: Volunteer at advertising agencies

2. Administration
   - Example: Real estate manager
   - Preparation: Consider a business major or minor

3. Research
   - Example: Data analyst for a University (e.g., study retention rates)
   - Preparation: Develop strong quantitative, statistical, and research skills
What else can I do?

- Admissions/Financial Aid
  - Advertising
  - Bank Management
  - Child/Youth/Elder Care
  - Community Services
  - Consulting Services
  - Court/Juvenile Services
  - Customer Services
  - Educational Services
  - Employee Relations
  - Employment Services
  - Financial Services
  - Government/Legislative Services
  - Hotel Management
  - Human Resources
  - Human Services
  - Insurance Claims/Underwriter
  - Insurance Sales
  - Law Enforcement/Police
  - Manufacturing/Production
  - Market Research
  - Military Service
  - Museum Programs

- News Reporting
  - Personnel/Human Resources
  - Private/Nonprofit Management
  - Production/Quality Control
  - Property Management
  - Public Relations/Media Services
  - Purchasing
  - Real Estate Sales
  - Residential Services
  - Restaurant Management
  - Retail Management
  - Retail/Wholesale Sales
  - Social Services
  - Special Populations Services
  - Stocks/Bonds Sales
  - Student/Alumni Services
  - Substance Abuse Services
  - Supply Management
  - Teaching
  - Technical Writing
  - Travel Services
  - Volunteer Services
  - Youth Services
Appealing...start looking into those career options more.

Not appealing??!!
Advanced Degrees (Master’s level)

Two types of Master’s degrees:
  • I. Research related
  • II. Mental health related
I. Master’s of Science in Psychology (i.e., research related)

- Enjoy research but not completely sure you want to commit for 4-6 years in a doctoral program.
- Preparation for more advanced careers.
- Want to teach at the college level
- Increase marketability for jobs / doctoral programs
I. Master’s of Science in Psychology (i.e., research related)

- Cognitive Affective MS Program at Oshkosh
  - Strong Statistical and Methodological training
  - Excellent training in diverse areas of psychology

- Where do our MS students end up?
  - Ph.D. programs at Iowa State, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Georgia, Texas Tyler University, etc.
  - Adjunct Faculty at UWO and Fox Valley
  - Clinical Research Department at Aurora Bay Care Medical Center in Green Bay
  - Research Coordinator in the Department of Pediatrics, Genetics division, Medical College of Wisconsin
II. Master’s Degrees that allow you to practice (i.e., mental health related)

- At the Master level (about 2 years)
  - Master in Social Work (LCSW)
  - Master in Counseling Psychology (LPC)

- Other mental-health degrees: Community Mental Health, School Psychology, Alcohol and Other Drug Administration (AODA), Marriage and Family Therapy
Consider a doctoral (Ph.D.) in psychology
4-6 years (earn Master’s along the way)
  • Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Industrial Organizational Psychology, Biopsychology
  • Cognitive Psychology, Health Psychology, Quantitative Psychology, School Psychology, Sports Psychology, Forensic Psychology

  • Clinical Psychology (+ 1 additional year internship, 2 additional years postdoctoral training)
  • Counseling Psychology (+ 1 additional year internship, 2 additional years postdoctoral training)
Mental Health: MA vs. PhD?

- At the Master level (about 2 years)
  - Master in Social Work (LCSW)
  - Master in Counseling Psychology (LPC)
  - Advantages versus Disadvantages: Less money, less schooling, more group and individual therapy

- At the Ph.D. level (about 6-8 years)
  - Clinical Psychology
  - Counseling Psychology
  - Advantages and Disadvantages: More money, more schooling, less group therapy, more teaching and research, more specialization, more versatile