

Department of Psychology

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Field Description

Psychology courses familiarize students with the scientific study of mind and behavior. This discipline relies on methods ranging from simple observation to rigorous experimentation. Its subjects include how we develop and learn, how our actions are motivated, how we perceive the world around us, how we respond to it intellectually and emotionally, and how these processes change throughout life and are integrated into the personality under social influences. The department offers courses that apply psychology to a variety of practical settings, including the workplace, clinical, legal, and school environments.

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The Majors

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Psychology

The psychology major is the most popular course of study among undergraduate students nationwide. Many of them will ultimately establish careers outside the field of psychology, but will do so in areas that rely upon an understanding of human thought and behavior. Psychology is an appropriate major for those who plan to work, for example, in business, law, the health care professions, education, public affairs, nonprofit agencies, and computer science.

To prepare for a career in psychology or an allied profession, such as social work or counseling, students must earn a master's or doctoral degree. Graduate programs in psychology are selective and take into consideration a student's academic record, letters of recommendation, field and research experience, and, in most cases, GRE scores. A number of American Psychological Association publications, including the APA Guide to Graduate Study in Psychology, are useful when making academic and career plans.

Baruch offers a 25-credit BA major in Psychology. This includes two required courses and a broad array of electives.

Careful selection of electives suitable for students' academic and career plans is highly advised. Students who wish to develop their research skills should consider pursuing an independent study or honors thesis project. It is also recommended that students take courses in other departments that focus on the scientific method, logic, communication skills, and the understanding of cultural and social systems.

Base Courses		7 credits
<i>No credit toward the major</i>		
PSY 1001	General Psychology	4 credits
STA 2100	Statistics for Social Science	3 credits
(Psychology majors may <i>not</i> take STA 2100 on a pass/fail basis.)		
Required Courses		7 credits
PSY 4012	Evolution of Modern Psychology	3 credits

PSY 3001	Research Methods in Psychology (formerly PSY 5020)	4 credits
Elective Courses 18 credits		
Foundation Electives (12-18 credits)		
PSY 3055	Abnormal Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3056	Social Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3059	Developmental Psychology: Personality in 3 Childhood and Adolescence *	3 credits
or		
PSY 3060	Developmental Psychology: Adult Development*	3 credits
PSY 3065	Psychology of Motivation	3 credits
PSY 3070	Physiological Psychology *	3 credits
or		
PSY 3082	Mind, Brain and Behavior *	3 credits
PSY 3080	Psychology of Attention and Perception	3 credits
PSY 3081	Cognitive Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3083	Psychology of Learning	3 credits
PSY 4061	Theories of Personality	3 credits
* Students may apply either PSY 3059 or PSY 3060 and either PSY 3070 or PSY 3082 toward the four-course foundation electives requirement, not both.		
Applied Psychology Electives (0-6 credits)		
PSY 3030	Thought and Reality (PHI 3030)	3 credits
PSY 3035	Philosophy of Psychology (PHI 3035)	3 credits
PSY 3036	Psychology and Culture	3 credits
PSY 3040	Special Problems in Psychology Series I	3 credits
PSY 3042-3047		
PSY 3054	The Psychology of Sleep	3 credits
PSY 3057	Psychology of Religion	3 credits
PSY 3058	Small Group Processes	3 credits
PSY 3061	Psychology of Life Experience	3 credits
PSY 3062	Psychology of Stress Management	3 credits
PSY 3063	Health Psychology	3 credits

PSY 3069	Psychology and the Law	3 credits
PSY 3071	Psychology of Gender	3 credits
PSY 3074	Psychological Aspects of Disabling Conditions	3 credits
PSY 3101	Political Psychology (POL 3101)	3 credits
PSY 3181	Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3182	Interviewing Techniques	3 credits
PSY 3183	Psychology and Urban Problems	3 credits
PSY 3184	Leadership and Managerial Development	3 credits
PSY 3185	Environmental Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3220	Experimental Philosophy (PHI 3220)	3 credits
PSY 3288	Psychology of Advertising	3 credits
PSY 3730	Literature and Psychology (ENG 3730)	3 credits
PSY 4010	Diversity in the Workplace	3 credits
PSY 4013	Advanced Personnel Psychology	3 credits
PSY 4015	Emotions in the Workplace	3 credits
PSY 4035	Practicum in Community Psychological Services	3 credits
PSY 4039	Psychopathology of Childhood	3 credits
PSY 4051	Psychology of the Family	3 credits
PSY 4900	Psychological Approaches to Contemporary Problems	3 credits
PSY 5030	Research Practicum in Psychology **	1-3 credits
** <i>Students must take a total of three hours.</i>		

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Industrial/Organizational Psychology

The major in industrial/organizational psychology is a broadbased one. It offers courses in all areas of psychology while emphasizing the field of industrial/organizational psychology. This major is within the Zicklin School of Business. All BBA requirements apply.

For many students, the BBA in industrial/organizational psychology is a terminal degree. They may pursue careers in business, including sales, advertising, marketing, and human resource management. They may also pursue careers in a variety of governmental agencies or engage in public opinion or market research.

Some career objectives may require or recommend that the student pursue a master's (MBA or MS) or PhD degree in industrial/organizational psychology.

Base Courses		7 credits
<i>No credit toward the major</i>		
PSY 1001	General Psychology	4 credits
STA 2100	Statistics for Social Science	3 credits
(Psychology majors may <i>not</i> take STA 2100 on a pass/fail basis.)		
Industrial/organizational psychology majors should take STA 2100. However, STA 2000 will be acceptable if 2100 is not available.		
Required Courses		10 credits
PSY 3181	Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3 credits
PSY 4012	Evolution of Modern Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3001	Research Methods in Psychology (formerly PSY 5020)	4 credits
Electives		14 – 15 credits
All other psychology courses except PSY 1001, 3033, and 3034 <i>and</i> Any elective courses in another department relevant to the students educational objective, with permission of the Department of Psychology. The Department of Psychology prefers that students complete their majors with psychology courses.		
Like BA psychology majors, those who intend to pursue graduate studies in industrial/organizational psychology are urged to focus on electives that stress the foundations of the field. These include the following:		
At least four of the following foundation courses:		
PSY 3055	Abnormal Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3056	Social Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3059	Developmental Psychology: Personality in Childhood and Adolescence	3 credits
PSY 3060	Developmental Psychology: Adult Development	3 credits
PSY 3065	The Psychology of Motivation	3 credits
PSY 3070	Physiological Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3080	Psychology of Attention and Perception	3 credits
PSY 3081	Cognitive Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3082	Mind, Brain and Behavior	3 credits
PSY 4061	Theories of Personality	3 credits
PSY 5030	Research Practicum in Psychology	variable
One or two applied psychology electives; for example:		
PSY 3058	Small Group Processes	3 credits
PSY 3069	Psychology and Law	3 credits

PSY 3182	Interviewing Techniques	3 credits
PSY 4010	Diversity in the Workplace	3 credits
PSY 4013	Advanced Personnel Psychology	3 credits
PSY 4015	Emotions in the Workplace	3 credits
PSY 4035	Practicum in Community Psychological Services	3 credits

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The Minor

The Department of Psychology offers a minor in psychology that requires completing two advanced courses, of which at least one must be a foundation course. After completing these advanced courses, students must take the capstone, PSY 4012 Evolution of Modern Psychology, to complete the minor.

Required Course		
PSY 4012	Evolution of Modern Psychology	3 credits
Foundation electives (3-6 credits):		
PSY 3055	Abnormal Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3056	Social Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3059	Developmental Psychology: Personality in 3 Childhood and Adolescence *	3 credits
<i>or</i>		
PSY 3060	Developmental Psychology: Adult Development*	3 credits
PSY 3065	The Psychology of Motivation	3 credits
PSY 3070	Physiological Psychology *	3 credits
<i>or</i>		
PSY 3082	Mind, Brain and Behavior *	3 credits
PSY 3080	Psychology of Attention and Perception	3 credits
PSY 3081	Cognitive Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3083	Psychology of Learning	3 credits
PSY 4061	Theories of Personality	3 credits
* Students may apply either PSY 3059 or PSY 3060 and either PSY 3070 or PSY 3082 toward the one-course foundation elective requirement, not both.		
Applied Psychology Electives (0-3 credits)		
PSY 3030	Thought and Reality (PHI 3030)	3 credits

PSY 3035	Philosophy of Psychology (PHI 3035)	3 credits
PSY 3036	Psychology and Culture	3 credits
PSY 3040 PSY 3042-3047	Special Problems in Psychology Series I	3 credits
PSY 3054	The Psychology of Sleep	3 credits
PSY 3057	Psychology of Religion	3 credits
PSY 3058	Small Group Processes	3 credits
PSY 3061	Psychology of Life Experience	3 credits
PSY 3062	Psychology of Stress Management	3 credits
PSY 3063	Health Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3069	Psychology and the Law	3 credits
PSY 3071	Psychology of Gender	3 credits
PSY 3074	Psychological Aspects of Disabling Conditions	3 credits
PSY 3101	Political Psychology (POL 3101)	3 credits
PSY 3181	Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3182	Interviewing Techniques	3 credits
PSY 3183	Psychology and Urban Problems	3 credits
PSY 3184	Leadership and Managerial Development	3 credits
PSY 3185	Environmental Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3220	Experimental Philosophy (PHI 3220)	3 credits
PSY 3288	Psychology of Advertising	3 credits
PSY 3730	Literature and Psychology (ENG 3730)	3 credits
PSY 4010	Diversity in the Workplace	3 credits
PSY 4013	Advanced Personnel Psychology	3 credits
PSY 4015	Emotions in the Workplace	3 credits
PSY 4035	Practicum in Community Psychological Services	3 credits
PSY 4039	Psychopathology of Childhood	3 credits
PSY 4051	Psychology of the Family	3 credits
PSY 4900	Psychological Approaches to Contemporary Problems	3 credits
PSY 5030	Research Practicum in Psychology **	1-3 credits

* Students must take a total of three hours.

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Courses

Courses in Psychology (PSY)

PSY 1001	General Psychology	2 lecture hours; 2 recitation hours ; 4 credits
PSY 3001	Research Methods in Psychology	2 recitation hours; 4 lab hours; 4 credits
PSY 3030	Thought and Reality (PHI 3030	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3033	Practice in Laboratory and Research Methodology I	3 field hours; 1 credit
PSY 3034	Practicum in Laboratory and Research Methodology II	3 field hours; 1 credit
PSY 3035	Philosophy of Psychology (PHI 3035)	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3036	Psychology and Culture	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3040 PSY 3042-3047	Special Problems in Psychology Series I	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3041	Psychology of Women	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3049	Psychology of Stress Management	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3050	Special Problems in Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3053	Tests and Measurements	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3054	The Psychology of Sleep	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3055	Abnormal Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3056	Social Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3057	Psychology of Religion	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3058	Small Group Processes	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3059	Developmental Psychology: Personality in Childhood and Adolescence	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3060	Developmental Psychology: Adult Development	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3061	Psychology of Life Experience	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3062	Psychology of Stress Management	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3063	Health Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits

PSY 3065	The Psychology of Motivation	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3069	Psychology And Law	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3070	Physiological Psychology	2 lecture hours; 2 lab hours; 3 credits
PSY 3071	Psychology of Gender	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3072	Community Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3074	Psychological Aspects of Disabling Conditions	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3075	Psychology and the Internet	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3080	Psychology of Attention and Perception	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3081	Cognitive Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3082	Mind, Brain, and Behavior	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3083	Psychology of Learning	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3101	Political Psychology (POL 3101)	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3180	Vocational Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3181	Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3182	Interviewing Techniques	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3183	Psychology and Urban Problems	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3184	Leadership and Managerial Development	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3185	Environmental Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3220	Experimental Philosophy (PHI 3220)	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3288	Psychology of Advertising	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3730	Literature and Psychology (ENG 3730)	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 4010	Diversity in the Workplace	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 4012	Evolution of Modern Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 4013	Advanced Personnel Psychology	"3 hours, 3 credits"
PSY 4015	Emotions in the Workplace	"3 hours, 3 credits"
PSY 4035	Practicum in Community Psychological Services	6 hours; 4 credits
PSY 4036	Practicum in Community Psychological Services II	1 seminar hour; 4 field hours; 3 credits
PSY 4039	Psychopathology of Childhood	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 4040	Special Problems in Psychology Series II	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 4041	Psychology of Death	3 hours; 3 credits

PSY 4051	Psychology of the Family	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 4054	Psycho-Educational Diagnosis and Appraisal of Special Groups	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 4060	Sexuality: Alternative Life Styles and Identities	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 4061	Theories of Personality	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 4900	Psychological Approaches to Contemporary Problems	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 5000-5004	Independent Study I-V	hours and credits to be arranged
PSY 5030	Research Practicum in Psychology	Variable (3 to 9 hours; 1 to 3 credits)
PSY 6001H	Psychology Honors I	3 hours; 3 credits per semester
PSY 6002H	Psychology Honors II	3 hours; 3 credits per semester

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