

# 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

- [Psychology](#)
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## Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of human behavior and the mind. According to the American Psychological Association, "Psychology is a diverse discipline, grounded in science, but with nearly boundless applications in everyday life. Some psychologists do basic research, developing theories and testing them through careful honed research methods involving observation, experimentation and analysis. Other psychologists apply the discipline's scientific knowledge to help people, organizations and communities function better."

Baruch faculty have particular strengths in industrial-organizational, clinical, social, cognitive neuroscience, and developmental psychology. The psychology major is the most popular course of study among undergraduate students nationwide. Many psychology majors 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 one required course in research methods, 12 credits of foundation courses, and 9 credits of electives.

You are required to meet with a faculty advisor in psychology to declare a major. The faculty advisor will discuss with you the foundations and elective courses that best meet your career goals. 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.

Prerequisite Courses		6 credits
<a href="#">PSY 1001</a>	General Psychology	3 credits
<a href="#">STA 2100*</a>	Statistics for Social Science	3 credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students who took STA 2000 to fulfill BBA core requirements and who change their degree objective to the BA will be given permission to use STA 2000 in lieu of STA 2100. Psychology majors may <i>not</i> take STA 2100 on a pass/fail basis.</li></ul>		

<b>Psychology Core</b>		
<b>Required Course:</b> 4 credits		
PSY 3001	Research Methods in Psychology (formerly PSY 5020)	4 credits
<b>Foundation Courses:</b> 12 credits		
<i>Choose four of the following courses</i>		
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 Personality *	3 credits
PSY 3064	Personality and Individual Differences ( <i>formerly PSY 4061 Theories of Personality</i> )	3 credits
PSY 3067	Psychology of Motivation and Learning	3 credits
PSY 3081	Cognitive Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3082	Mind, Brain and Behavior	3 credits
* Students may not take both PSY 3059 and PSY 3060 to fulfill the core requirement.		
<b>Elective Courses (3000-level or above):</b> 6 credits		
Two courses of students' choosing. They may include courses that constitute part of the required core in psychology, if not otherwise used to fulfill core curriculum requirements, as well as any other elective courses offered by the department.		
<b>Elective Course (4000-level or above):</b> 3 credits		
One course of students' choosing. It must be at the 4000-level or above, and it must be completed at Baruch College. PSY 4035 and PSY 5030-5032 do not fulfill this requirement, but can be used as 3000-level or above elective courses.		

### 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.

<b>Base Courses</b>	6 credits
<i>No credit toward the major</i>	

PSY 1001	General Psychology	3 credits
STA 2000	Business Statistics	3 credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		16 credits
PSY 3001	Research Methods in Psychology	4 credits
PSY 3181	Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3 credits
PLUS three of the following:		
PSY 3056	Social Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3064	Personality and Individual Differences ( <i>formerly PSY 4061 Theories of Personality</i> )	3 credits
PSY 3067	Psychology of Motivation and Learning	3 credits
PSY 3081	Cognitive Psychology	3 credits
PSY 3082	Mind, Brain, and Behavior	3 credits
<b>Elective Courses</b>		9 credits
Three of the following:		
PSY 4010	Diversity in the Workplace	3 credits
PSY 4013	Advanced Personnel Psychology	3 credits
PSY 4181	Advanced Organizational Psychology	3 credits
PSY 4182	Occupational Health Psychology	3 credits
PSY 4183	Psychology of Career Development and Planning	3 credits
PSY 4184	Leadership and Managerial Development ( <i>formerly PSY 3184</i> )	3 credits
PSY 4185	Psychology of Organizational Training and Development	3 credits

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## The Minor

The minor comprises three courses in Psychology, at least one of which must be a foundation course in psychology and at least one of which must be a capstone course at the 4000 level or above. The capstone course should be one of the department's communications-intensive options and must be taken at Baruch College. The selection of a suitable capstone should take the student's background in the discipline and academic interests into account and should be determined in consultation with the Department of Psychology.

<b>Foundation Courses:</b> 3-6 credits		
PSY 3055	Abnormal Psychology	3 credits

<a href="#">PSY 3056</a>	Social Psychology	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3059</a>	Developmental Psychology: Personality in 3 Childhood and Adolescence *	3 credits
<i>or</i>		
<a href="#">PSY 3060</a>	Developmental Psychology: Adult Personality *	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3064</a>	Personality and Individual Differences ( <i>formerly PSY 4061 Theories of Personality</i> )	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3067</a>	Psychology of Motivation and Learning	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3081</a>	Cognitive Psychology	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3082</a>	Mind, Brain and Behavior	3 credits
* Students may not take both PSY 3059 and PSY 3060 to fulfill the foundation requirement.		
<b>Elective courses</b> 0-3 credits		
<a href="#">PSY 3030</a>	Thought and Reality ( <a href="#">PHI 3030</a> )	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3035</a>	Philosophy of Psychology ( <a href="#">PHI 3035</a> )	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3036</a>	Psychology and Culture	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3040</a> <a href="#">PSY 3042-3047</a>	Special Problems in Psychology Series I	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3054</a>	The Psychology of Sleep	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3057</a>	Psychology of Religion	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3058</a>	Small Group Processes	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3062</a>	Psychology of Stress Management	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3063</a>	Health Psychology	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3069</a>	Psychology and the Law	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3071</a>	Psychology of Gender	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3101</a>	Political Psychology ( <a href="#">POL 3101</a> )	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3181</a>	Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3185</a>	Environmental Psychology	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3220</a>	Experimental Philosophy ( <a href="#">PHI 3220</a> )	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3288</a>	Psychology of Advertising	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3730</a>	Literature and Psychology ( <a href="#">ENG 3730</a> )	3 credits
<b>Capstone Course</b>	Choose one the following:	
<a href="#">PSY 4010</a>	Diversity in the Workplace	3 credits

<a href="#">PSY 4012</a>	Evolution of Modern Psychology	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4013</a>	Advanced Personnel Psychology	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4051</a>	Psychology of the Family	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4080</a>	Sensation and Perception	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4084</a>	Drugs, Brain, and Society	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4181</a>	Advanced Organizational Psychology	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4182</a>	Occupational Health Psychology	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4183</a>	Psychology of Career Development and Planning	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4184</a>	Leadership and Managerial Development	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4185</a>	Psychology of Training and Development	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4900</a>	Psychological Approaches to Contemporary Problems	3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 5000</a>	Independent Study in Psychology (requires departmental permission)	3 credits

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## Courses

### Courses in Psychology (PSY)

<a href="#">PSY 1001</a>	General Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3001</a>	Research Methods in Psychology	2 recitation hours; 4 lab hours; 4 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3030</a>	Thought and Reality ( <a href="#">PHI 3030</a> )	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3033</a>	Practice in Laboratory and Research Methodology I	3 field hours; 1 credit
<a href="#">PSY 3034</a>	Practicum in Laboratory and Research Methodology II	3 field hours; 1 credit
<a href="#">PSY 3035</a>	Philosophy of Psychology ( <a href="#">PHI 3035</a> )	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3036</a>	Psychology and Culture	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3040</a> <a href="#">PSY 3042-3047</a>	Special Problems in Psychology Series I	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3041</a>	Psychology of Women	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 3049</a>	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 Personality	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3062	Psychology of Stress Management	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3063	Health Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3064	Personality and Individual Differences ( <i>formerly PSY 4061 Theories of Personality</i> )	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3067	The Psychology of Motivation and Learning	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3069	Psychology And Law	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3071	Psychology of Gender	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3075	Psychology and the Internet	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 ( <a href="#">POL 3101</a> )	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3181	Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3185	Environmental Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3220	Experimental Philosophy ( <a href="#">PHI 3220</a> )	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3288	Psychology of Advertising	3 hours; 3 credits
PSY 3300/ PSY 3301	Psychology Internship	1 hour; 1 credit
PSY 3730	Literature and Psychology ( <a href="#">ENG 3730</a> )	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 4035	Practicum in Community Psychological Services	6 hours; 4 credits

<a href="#">PSY 4039</a>	Psychopathology of Childhood	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4040</a>	Special Problems in Psychology Series II	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4041</a>	Psychology of Death	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4051</a>	Psychology of the Family	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4060</a>	Sexuality: Alternative Life Styles and Identities	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4080</a>	Sensation and Perception	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4084</a>	Drugs, Brain, and Society	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4181</a>	Advanced Organizational Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4182</a>	Occupational Health Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4183</a>	Psychology of Career Development and Planning	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4184</a>	Leadership and Managerial Development	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4185</a>	Psychology of Training and Development	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 4900</a>	Psychological Approaches to Contemporary Problems	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 5000-5004</a>	Independent Study I-V	hours and credits to be arranged
<a href="#">PSY 5030</a>	Research Practicum in Psychology	Variable (3 to 9 hours; 1 to 3 credits)
<a href="#">PSY 5050</a>	Advanced Research Methods in Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
<a href="#">PSY 6001H</a>	Psychology Honors I	3 hours; 3 credits per semester
<a href="#">PSY 6002H</a>	Psychology Honors II	3 hours; 3 credits per semester

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