

PSYCHOLOGY

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Psychology
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BA, BS Degrees

Minimum Requirements for Degrees: 120 credits

The Department of Psychology offers BA and BS degrees in psychology. The department's focus is to provide breadth and depth in the science and profession of psychology with a commitment to honoring diversity and promoting human welfare. The curriculum develops cross-cultural knowledge, critical thinking, imagination, creativity, ethical principles and concern for social justice, as well as respect for and knowledge of diverse points of view that include feminist, multicultural, indigenous, and gay and lesbian perspectives.

In addition to active engagement in the classroom, students can participate in research and community service. Programs in psychology facilitate an understanding of the human experience as an interaction of biological, psychological, social and cultural processes.

Graduates of the undergraduate program in psychology have been successful in gaining entrance to graduate school in a variety of fields including psychology, medicine, business and law. Graduation with an undergraduate psychology degree has allowed students to become employed in a variety of entry-level human services and business positions.

The Alaska Natives into Psychology program helps train Alaska Natives and American Indians as psychologists or other behavioral health professionals to address the significant shortage of these professionals in Alaska, particularly rural Alaska. The program strives to attract Native high school and undergraduate students seeking a degree in psychology.

Major — BA or BS Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 129).
2. Complete the BA or BS degree requirements (page 133 or 134).
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*

a. Foundation (15 credits)

Complete the following:

PSY F101—Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY F201—Psychology and Culture	3
PSY/SOC F250—Introductory Statistics for Social Sciences (3) or STAT F200X—Elementary Probability and Statistics (3)	3
PSY F275—Introduction to Social Science Research Methods	3
PSY F475W—Research Design and Analysis in Psychology (3) or PSY F485—Senior Seminar (3) or PSY F499—Thesis (3)	3

b. Theoretical (6 credits)

Complete 6 credits from the following:

PSY F304—Personality	3
PSY F320—History and Systems of Psychology	3
PSY/SOC F330—Social Psychology	3
PSY/SOC F333/WGS F332—Human Sexualities Across Cultures	3
PSY F335—Brain and Behavior	3
PSY F345—Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY/WGS F360O—Psychology of Women Across Cultures	3
PSY F370—Drugs and Behavior	3
PSY F440—Learning and Cognition	3
PSY F470W,O—Sensation and Perception	3

c. Applied (6 credits)

Complete 6 credits from the following:

PSY F337W—Sport Psychology	3
PSY F390W,O—Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3
PSY F445W—Community Psychology	3
PSY F455—Clinical Psychology	3
PSY F469—Health Psychology	3
PSY F475W—Research Analysis and Design	3
PSY/SOC F480W—Qualitative Social Science Research	3
PSY F485—Senior Seminar in Psychology	3
PSY F488—Practicum in Psychology	1-6
PSY F498—Research in Psychology	1-6
PSY F499—Thesis	1-6

d. Breadth (9 credits)

Complete 9 additional psychology credits selected from the catalog or from electives approved by psychology faculty.

4. Minimum credits required120

* Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.

** STAT F200X may count for both CORE and major requirement.

Note: No course may count in more than one area (e.g. PSY F475W may NOT count toward both 3a and 3c).

Note: Students may not count more than 6 credits of any combination of PSY F497 and F498 toward the major.

Note: Students may apply an unlimited number of PSY F392/F492 and PSY F393/F493 credits toward the degree provided the topics are different for each course.

Note: Students should work closely with an advisor to ensure completion of 39 upper division credits for graduation.

Minor

1. Complete the following:

PSY F101—Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY electives	12

2. Minimum credits required15

Baccalaureate Core Requirements

Communication 9 Credits

- ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing.....(3)
ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

- ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature.....(3)
- ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences.....(3)

Complete one of the following:

- COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context.....(3)
- COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context.....(3)

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Perspectives on the Human Condition 18 Credits

Complete all of the following four courses:

- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture.....(3)
- ECON F100X or PS F100X—Political Economy.....(3)
- HIST F100X—Modern World History.....(3)
- ENGL/FL F200X—World Literature.....(3)

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Complete one of the following three courses:

- ART/MUS/THR F200X—Aesthetic Appreciation: Interrelationship of Art, Drama and Music.....(3)
- HUM F201X—Unity in the Arts.....(3)
- ANS F202X—Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance.....(3)

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Complete one of the following six courses:

- BA F323X—Business Ethics.....(3)
- COMM F300X—Communicating Ethics.....(3)
- JUST F300X—Ethics and Justice.....(3)
- NRM F303X—Environmental Ethics and Actions.....(3)
- PS F300X—Ethics and Society.....(3)
- PHIL F322X—Ethics.....(3)

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Or complete 12 credits from the above courses plus one of the following:

- Two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language
- Three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

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Mathematics 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- MATH F103X—Concepts and Contemporary Applications of Mathematics.....(3)
- MATH F107X—Functions for Calculus*.....(4)
- MATH F161X—Algebra for Business and Economics**.....(3)
- STAT F200X—Elementary Probability and Statistics.....(3)

* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

Or complete one of the following:*

- MATH F200X—Calculus I**.....(4)
- MATH F201X—Calculus II.....(4)
- MATH F202X—Calculus III.....(4)
- MATH F262X—Calculus for Business and Economics.....(4)
- MATH F272X—Calculus for Life Sciences.....(4)

* Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite

** No credit may be earned for more than one of Math F200X, F262X or F272.

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Natural Sciences 8 Credits

Complete any two (4-credit) courses.

- ATM F101X—Weather and Climate of Alaska.....(4)
- BIOL F100X—Human Biology.....(4)
- BIOL F101X—Biology of Sex.....(4)
- BIOL F103X—Biology and Society.....(4)
- BIOL F104X—Natural History.....(4)
- BIOL F115X—Fundamentals of Biology I.....(4)
- BIOL F116X—Fundamentals of Biology II.....(4)
- BIOL F120X—Introduction to Human Nutrition.....(4)
- BIOL F213X—Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....(4)
- BIOL F214X—Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....(4)
- CHEM F100X—Chemistry in Complex Systems.....(4)
- CHEM F103X—Basic General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F104X—Beginnings in Biochemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F105X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F106X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- GEOG F111X—Earth and Environment: Elements of Physical Geography.....(4)
- GEOS F100X—Introduction to Earth Science.....(4)
- GEOS F101X—The Dynamic Earth.....(4)
- GEOS F106X—Life and the Age of Dinosaurs.....(4)
- GEOS F112X—History of Earth and Life.....(4)
- GEOS F120X—Glaciers, Earthquakes and Volcanoes.....(4)
- GEOS F125X—Humans, Earth and Environment.....(4)
- MSL F111X—The Oceans.....(4)
- PHYS F102X—Energy and Society.....(4)
- PHYS F103X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F104X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F115X—Physical Science I.....(4)
- PHYS F175X—Astronomy.....(4)
- PHYS F211X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F212X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F213X—Elementary Modern Physics.....(4)

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Library and Information Research 0–1 Credit

- Successful completion of library skills competency test or LS F100X or LS F101X prior to junior standing

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Upper-Division Writing and Oral Communication

Complete the following at the upper-division level:

- Two writing intensive courses designated (W) and one oral communication intensive course designated (O), or two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2) (see degree and/or major requirements)

Total credits required 38–39

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses.

Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course used toward the baccalaureate core.