

PSYCHOLOGY, MINOR

College of Letters & Science

The Minor Program

The psychology program at UC Davis is broad and includes students and faculty with a variety of interests. The department has developed around five core areas of psychology:

- *Perception, Cognition, & Cognitive Neuroscience (PCCN)* involves the study of awareness and thought, and includes such topics as perception, learning, memory, language and cognition.
- *Biological Psychology* covers a broad spectrum of topics including evolutionary, neurobiological, and molecular mechanisms of behavior.
- *Social-Personality Psychology* involves the study of the individual in their social environment and includes such topics as personality & individual differences, emotions, stereotyping & prejudice, intergroup relations, the psychology of religion and psychological health & dysfunction.
- *Developmental Psychology* involves the study of changes in behavioral, cognitive, emotional, and social abilities that occur throughout the lifespan. Typical and atypical development is examined using a variety of methods including behavioral, neuroimaging, and physiological assessments.
- *Quantitative Psychology* involves the study of linear & nonlinear models, psychometrics, mixed-effects models, and dynamic models, including experimental design, analysis of variance, regression, multivariate analysis, latent growth models, time series models, and factor analytic models.

Recommended for All Majors

Students who plan to do graduate work in any area of psychology are strongly encouraged to gain experience through research and internship activities.

Major Advisor

Staff advisors are located in the Blue Ridge Office Building . For information about how to contact a major advisor, see Major Advising.

Graduate Study

The Department offers programs of study and research leading to the Ph.D. degree in psychology. For more detailed information regarding graduate study, see Graduate Students .

Graduate Advisor

See Graduate Students (<http://psychology.ucdavis.edu/graduate/>).

Code	Title	Units
PSC 041	Research Methods in Psychology ¹	4
or PSC 041V	Research Methods in Psychology	
<i>One course from each of the following four groups:</i>		
<i>Core Group A: Perception, Cognition, & Cognitive Neuroscience</i>		
Choose 4 units:		4
PSC 100	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	
or PSC 100Y	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	
PSC 130	Human Learning & Memory	
PSC 131	Perception	

PSC 132	Language & Cognition
PSC 133/ CGS 107/ECN 107	Neuroeconomics/Reinforcement Learning & Decision Making
PSC 135	Cognitive Neuroscience: The Biological Foundations of the Mind
PSC 136	Psychology of Music
PSC 139	Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience
<i>Core Group B: Psychobiology</i>	
Choose 3-4 units:	3-4
PSC 101	Introduction to Biological Psychology
PSC 113	Developmental Psychobiology
PSC 121	Physiological Psychology
PSC 122/NPB 150	Advanced Animal Behavior
PSC 123/NPB 152	Hormones & Behavior (3 units)
PSC/NPB 124	Comparative Neuroanatomy (3 units)
PSC 125	Behavioral Epigenetics
PSC 126	Health Psychology
PSC 137	Neurobiology of Learning & Memory
PSC 159	Gender & Human Reproduction
<i>Core Group C: Social/Personality</i>	
Choose 4 units:	4
PSC 151 or PSC 151V	Social Psychology
PSC 152	Social Cognition
PSC 154 or PSC 154V	Psychology of Emotion
PSC 158	Sexual Orientation & Prejudice
PSC 161	Psychology of the Self
PSC 162	Introduction to Personality Psychology
PSC 165	Introduction to Clinical Psychology
PSC 168	Mental Health, Mental Illness, & Problems in Living
<i>Core Group D: Developmental</i>	
Choose 4 units:	4
HDE 100A or HDE 100AV	Infancy & Early Childhood
HDE 100B or HDE 100BV	Middle Childhood & Adolescence
PSC 140 or PSC 140V or PSC 140Y	Developmental Psychology
PSC 141	Cognitive Development
PSC 142	Social & Personality Development
PSC 143	Infant Development
PSC 145	Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience
PSC 146	The Development of Memory
PSC 148	Developmental Disorders
Psychology Subtotal	19-20
Approved Minor Electives	4-5
Additional units to achieve a total of 20 units of approved upper division minor coursework. Each course may only be used to satisfy one Psychology minor requirement; the same course cannot be used for multiple Psychology minor requirements.	

Approved Psychology Electives

Any upper division Psychology (PSC) course(s), except PSC 197T, including: (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/courses-subject-code/psc/>)

Any course listed in the Core Groups above that you are not using to fulfill a Core Group requirement, plus:

PSC 103A	Statistical Analysis of Psychological Data
PSC 103B	Statistical Analysis of Psychological Data
PSC 104	Applied Psychometrics: An Introduction to Measurement Theory
PSC 107	Questionnaire & Survey Research Methods
PSC 120	Agent-Based Modeling
PSC 124L	Comparative Neuroanatomy Laboratory
PSC 134	Computational Cognitive Neuroscience
PSC 138	Consciousness & Cognition
PSC 150	Relationship Science: Lust, Love, & Evolution
or PSC 150V	Relationship Science: Lust, Love, & Evolution
PSC 153	Psychology & Law
PSC 155	The Psychology of Cultural Appropriation
PSC 156	The Psychology of Diversity in Aging
PSC 157	Stereotyping, Prejudice, & Stigma
PSC 169	The Science of Multi-Cultural Psychology
PSC 170	Psychology of Religion
PSC 175	Genius, Creativity, & Leadership
PSC 180A	Research in Cognitive & Perceptual Psychology
PSC 180B	Research in Psychobiology
PSC 180C	Research in Personality & Social Psychology
PSC 180D	Research in Developmental Psychology
PSC 182	Methods in Laboratory Research
PSC 185	History of Psychology
PSC 190	Seminar in Psychology
PSC 192	Fieldwork in Psychology
PSC 194HA	Special Study for Honors Students
PSC 194HB	Special Study for Honors Students
PSC 198	Directed Group Study
PSC 199	Special Study for Advanced Undergraduates

Additional Non-Psychology Elective Options

AAS 141	Psychology of the African American Experience
ANT 132	Psychological Anthropology
CHI 120	Chicana/o Psychology
CHI 121	Chicana/o Community Mental Health
CHI 122	Psychology Perspectives Chicana/o & Latina/o Family
CHI 123	Psychological perspectives on Chicana/o & Latina/o Children & Adolescents
CMN 120	Interpersonal Communication
or CMN 120V	Interpersonal Communication
CMN 122	Nonverbal Communication
CNS 100	Consumer Behavior (3 units)

EDU 110	Educational Psychology: General
EXB 102	Introduction to Motor Learning & the Psychology of Sport & Exercise (Discontinued for winter 2026) **
HDE 100A	Infancy & Early Childhood
or HDE 100AV	Infancy & Early Childhood
HDE 100B	Middle Childhood & Adolescence
or HDE 100BV	Middle Childhood & Adolescence
HDE 100C	Adulthood & Aging
HDE/ENT 117	Longevity
HDE 163	Cognitive Neuropsychology in Adulthood & Aging
LIN 171	Introduction to Psycholinguistics
NPB 102	Animal Behavior (3 units)
NPB 168	Neurobiology of Addictive Drugs
POL 170	Political Psychology
SOC 126	Social Interaction
SOC 135	Social Relationships
SOC 152	Juvenile Delinquency
SOC 171	Sociology of Violence & Inequality

Approved Major Electives Subtotal 4-5

Total Units 23-25

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Please note that PSC 001 or PSC 001Y is a prerequisite for PSC 041 and all upper division PSC courses.

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Course(s) discontinued; see your advisor for course options.