Psychology, Minor

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Why do we act the way we do? What is the connection between your brain and your behavior? How can we manage stress and emotion? Explore these and other fascinating questions in a minor that enhances any degree program with knowledge you can apply to everyday life.

Description

The minor program in psychology focuses on appreciating and understanding the human condition from a scientific, psychological point of view.

Students who complete the minor in psychology possess a breadth of knowledge across many areas of psychology. They are able to use basic research and quantitative methods to gather and synthesize psychological findings. Ultimately, they come to understand the relevance and applicability of psychological principles, approaches and findings to individual, group and social issues. In doing so, they are prepared to pursue productive careers and engage on a daily basis with the increasingly complex, information-rich world.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus

Program Requirements

Minor Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Minor Map
The minor in psychology consists of completing 22 credit hours of coursework in the foundations of psychology and the breadth within psychology categories described below. Twelve credit hours must be completed at the upper-division level, of which at least six credit hours must be completed in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Department of Psychology. All courses for the minor must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better.

**Required Courses -- 10 credit hours**

- PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology (SB) (3)
- PSY 230: Introduction to Statistics (CS) (3)
- PSY 290: Research Methods (L or SG) (4)

**Minor Electives -- 12 credit hours**

Take one course from four of the following five breadth areas: Biological, Cognitive/Learning, Developmental, Personality/Mental Health, and Social.

- Breadth Area Elective (12)

**Biological Breadth**

- PSY 325: Physiological Psychology (3)

**Cognitive/Learning Breadth**

- PSY 320: Learning and Motivation (3)
- PSY 323: Sensation and Perception (3)
- PSY 324: Memory and Cognition (3)

**Developmental Breadth**

- PSY 341: Developmental Psychology (SB) (3)

**Personality/Mental Health Breadth**

- PSY 315: Personality Theory and Research (SB) (3)
- PSY 366: Abnormal Psychology (SB) (3)

**Social Breadth**

- PSY 350: Social Psychology (SB) (3)
- PSY 351: Honors Social Psychology (L or SB) (3)

If a non-psychology statistics course is approved by the psychology department to substitute for PSY 230 Introduction to Statistics, an additional psychology course must be taken to complete the 22 credit hours of required psychology coursework. Internship credit, research credit, and teaching assistant credit may not be used to satisfy this requirement. For more information please contact a psychology advisor.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.
Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BA and BS in psychology (including all concentrations)

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

Career Opportunities

A minor can help students enhance the marketable skills they acquire in their major program and help them develop new skills apart from it, though most career areas do require more training than a minor alone can provide.

Graduates with a minor in psychology are knowledgeable in the complexities of human behavior and interpersonal skills, of benefit as they pursue careers in human resources, management or marketing.

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