

# Everything You Need to Know to Major in Psychology at UNCG!

The UNCG Department of Psychology offers a **Bachelor of Arts degree** that centers on a scientific understanding of the bases and development of adaptive and impaired behavior, cognition, emotion, and functioning. We offer courses in core areas of psychology that will prepare you for graduate school, professional school, or for employment in human services, counseling, and marketing. The core areas are **Cognitive, Developmental, Clinical, and Social Psychology, Behavior Analysis, and Biopsychology**. In addition, we offer courses in diverse areas of Psychology including personality, statistics and research design, and multicultural issues, as well as on specialized topics such as the psychology of aging and the psychology of weird beliefs.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

The major requires completion of a minimum of 36 semester hours in Psychology (as described below).

**Students must earn a grade of at least a C- in all psychology courses required for the major.** Note that many of the Psychology courses meet GEC Core requirements.

- **PSY 121 - General Psychology** (3 credits) – no prerequisites
- **PSY 122 - Careers in Psychology** (1 credit) – prerequisite: PSY 121
- At least four Psychology courses at the **200 level** (3 credits each) – Psychology 200 courses are introductions to seven basic areas of Psychology – prerequisites: PSY 121 (note that PSY 230 has additional prerequisite of either BIO 105 or BIO 111)
- **PSY 310 – Research & Statistical Methods in Psychology I** (4 credits) – prerequisites: PSY 121 and MAT 115, MAT 150, or STA 108
- **PSY 311 – Research & Statistical Methods in Psychology II** (4 credits) – prerequisites: PSY 122, PSY 310, and ENG 101  
*Please note that PSY 310 & 311 have been revamped. If you took PSY 310 in Summer 2010 or earlier, you will have to repeat PSY 310 in order to enroll in PSY 311*
- At least two Psychology courses at the **400 level** or above (3 credits each) – prerequisites: PSY 200-level courses serve as the prerequisites for PSY 400-level courses. The middle digit indicates which prerequisite is required (e.g., PSY 230 is the prerequisite for all PSY 430 courses). Note that all 460 classes require PSY 260. PSY 265 will not serve as a prerequisite for PSY 460 courses.  
*Please note that PSY 433 will not satisfy the 400-level course requirements for the major.*
- Two additional Psychology courses at the **300-level** or above (3 credits each) – prerequisites: all 300-level courses require PSY 121.  
*Please note that PSY 314 will not satisfy the requirements for the major*

Please see the University Bulletin for a full list of courses in Psychology

**Prerequisites** - Note that many courses in the major require completion of prerequisite courses. Students must complete all prerequisites with a grade of C- or above before enrolling in a course. Students who enroll without completing prerequisite requirements will be dropped from the course.

## SUGGESTED TIMELINE FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

### Freshman Year

Fall semester: PSY 121

Spring semester PSY 122, one PSY 200 course, and MAT 115, MAT 150, or STA 108

### Sophomore Year

Fall semester: two PSY 200 courses, PSY 310

Spring semester: one PSY 200 course, PSY 311

**Junior & Senior years:** complete four upper level courses; students are encouraged to take part in PSY 433

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

The UNCG Department of Psychology is based upon the principle that learning is not limited to the classroom. Therefore, we offer a number of exciting opportunities outside of the classroom for students to learn about Psychology and to prepare for employment or graduate study in the field.

**Research opportunities:** The Department of Psychology includes world-renowned researchers in a variety of areas. Faculty members are actively engaged in research and in mentoring graduate and undergraduate students in their laboratories. Students can receive course credit in *PSY 433* while obtaining hands-on research experience. This is an essential opportunity for students who are planning to apply for graduate school in Psychology.

**Independent Study with a Faculty Member:** *PSY 490* allows students to develop an independent directed readings course with a Psychology Department faculty member.

**Disciplinary Honors in Psychology:** This program involves advanced courses and the opportunity to complete a senior honors thesis (does not require enrollment in the University Honors Program). Contact Paul Silvia at [p\\_silvia@uncg.edu](mailto:p_silvia@uncg.edu)

**Community Internship:** *PSY 472* provides students with the opportunity to obtain field experience with application of psychological principles in the community.

**PSI CHI National Honor Society & the Psychology Club:** These student-lead organizations provide members with the chance to learn more about activities and opportunities in Psychology. Contact Laura Horsley in Eberhart 296.

## ADVISING IN THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

We believe that success in the major requires the opportunity to ask questions and obtain information. Therefore, we provide a variety of ways for students to obtain advising in the department. Note that students are always encouraged to contact their instructors or teaching assistants if they have questions about a specific course in which they are enrolled.

**Faculty Advisors:** every Psychology major is assigned a faculty advisor in the department. These advisors are there to answer big questions (e.g., How do I prepare for graduate school in developmental psychology) and day-to-day questions (how do I apply for *PSY 433*). You can determine who your faculty advisor is on UNCGenie or from Laura Horsley in Eberhart 296.

**Staff Advisors:** staff advisors are available by appointment in Eberhart 285 to discuss course selection and planning for registration. Students who complete staff advising can receive their advising code from the staff advisors. Staff advisors are available throughout the academic year.

**Drop-in Advising for Registration:** students who do not complete staff advising can meet with a faculty member for drop-in advising during the week prior to registration to obtain their advising code and discuss course selection.

## WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

- **Information about the Psychology Department:**  
<http://www.uncg.edu/psy/>
- **Directions for accessing your individual degree evaluation:**  
[http://www.uncg.edu/reg/capp/Stu\\_Deg\\_Eval.pdf](http://www.uncg.edu/reg/capp/Stu_Deg_Eval.pdf)
- **Website for changing, adding, or removing majors and minors:**  
<https://web.uncg.edu/reg/secure/majorchange.asp>
- **UNCG Undergraduate Bulletin:**  
<http://web.uncg.edu/reg/Bulletin/Current/>
- **Information on Careers in Psychology:**  
<http://www.psycareers.com> or <http://www.psyccareers.com>