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

The UNCG Department of Psychology offers both a **Bachelor of Arts (BA)** anda **Bachelor of Science (BS)** degreethat center on a scientific understanding of behavior, cognition, emotion, and mental health. We offercourses in core areas of psychology that will prepare you for graduate school, professional school, or for employment in human services, counseling, and marketing. Our four core areas are **Clinical, Cognitive, Developmental,** and **Social Psychology.** In addition, we offer courses in diverse areas of psychology including biological psychology, 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 BA and BS in PSYCHOLOGY (MAJOR)**

The major requires completion of a minimum of 36 semester hours in Psychology for the BA, and 45 semester hours for the BS (as described below). **Students must earn a grade of at least a C- in all 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), other than PSY 211 – 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 211 – Statistics in Behavioral Science** (3 credits) – PSY 211 prerequisites: PSY 121 and C- or higher in MAT 115, MAT 150, or STA 108; (note that PSY 310 is the same course as PSY 211, and either may be substituted when a course requires one of these)
* **PSY 311 & 311L – Research Methods in Psychology** (4 credits total) - PSY 311 prerequisites: PSY 122, and C- or higher in PSY 211, and ENG 101
* At least two Psychology courses at the **300 level** or above (3 credits each) – prerequisites: all 300-level courses require PSY 121. *Note that PSY 314 will not satisfy the major requirements.*
* Two additional Psychology courses at the 400-level or above (3 credits each) - prerequisites: PSY 311 and 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. *PSY 433 will not satisfy the 400-level course requirements for the BA in Psychology.*

For the **BS in Psychology** degree **ONLY**, you also need:

* **PSY 410 – Intermediate Psychological Statistics** (3 credits) – prerequisite: C or higher in PSY 311
* **Depth Requirement:** Two **additional** PSY courses at the 400 level or above; up to 3 s.h. of this requirement may be fulfilled with PSY 433
* **Related Area Requirement:** two courses in math, natural science, or social science beyond those used to fulfill GEC/CAR, taken from any of the following prefixes: AST, ATY, BIO, CHE, CSC, ECO, ERM, GES, KIN, MAT, NTR, PHY, PSC, SOC, or STA.

**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 211 // 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**

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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 honors director Dr. Janet Boseovski (jjboseov@uncg.edu).

**Community Internship:** *PSY 472* provides students with the opportunity to obtain field experience with application of psychological principles in the community. Contact internship coordinator Dr. Emily Carrigan (emcarrig@uncg.edu).

**PSI CHI National Honor Society & the Psychology Club:** Student-led organizations providing students with opportunities to learn more about Psychology. Contact Aimee Callicutt in EBER 296 (amcallic@uncg.edu).

**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.

**Staff Advisors:** staff advisors are available by appointment using the Canvas Psychology group 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, and sessions can be scheduled using the Canvas Psychology Undergraduates ORG.

**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. The dates and times will be listed on the Canvas Psychology group.

**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. You can determine who your faculty advisor is on UNCGenie. They **do not** do course advising.

**WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION**

* **Join the Psychology Undergraduates ORG on Canvas**
* **Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter**
* **Information about the Psychology Department:** <https://psy.uncg.edu/>
* **Using and accessing your individual degree evaluation:**

<https://spartancentral.uncg.edu/registration-degree-planning/degree-planning/>

**Website for changing, adding, or removing majors and minors:**

<https://spartancentral.uncg.edu/registration-degree-planning/forms/major-minor-request-form/>

* **UNCG Undergraduate Catalog:** <https://catalog.uncg.edu/>
* **APA Information on Careers in Psychology:** <https://www.psyccareers.com>

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