

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	Social Psychology	
or PSC 151V	Social Psychology	
PSC 152	Social Cognition	
PSC 154	Psychology of Emotion	
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	Infancy & Early Childhood	
or HDE 100AV	Infancy & Early Childhood	
HDE 100B	Middle Childhood & Adolescence	
or HDE 100BV	Middle Childhood & Adolescence	
PSC 140	Developmental Psychology	
or PSC 140V	Developmental Psychology	
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.