

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 |
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| 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 | |

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| 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 | |
| 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. | | |
| <i>Approved Psychology Electives</i> | | |

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:

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| EXB 102 | Introduction to Motor Learning & the Psychology of Sport & Exercise | |
| HDE 100A | Infancy & Early Childhood | |
| or HDE 100AV | Infancy & Early Childhood | |
| HDE 100B | 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.