

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.

Minor Advisor

Staff advisors are located in Young Hall; psychadvising@ucdavis.edu; 530-752-5104. For more information on how to make an appointment or join Drop-In Advising hours, please see Yellow Cluster Undergraduate Advising Center (<https://yellowcluster.ucdavis.edu/advising/undergraduate/>).

Graduate Study

The Department offers programs of study and research leading to the Ph.D. degree in psychology. Detailed information regarding graduate study may be obtained on our website (<https://psychology.ucdavis.edu/graduate/>).

Graduate Advisor

See Graduate Students (<http://psychology.ucdavis.edu/graduate/>).

Code	Title	Units
PSC 041	Research Methods in Psychology ¹	4
One course from each of the following four groups:		
<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	
PSC 152	Social Cognition	
PSC 154	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	Abnormal Psychology	
<i>Core Group D: Developmental</i>		
Choose 4 units:		4
HDE 100A	Infancy & Early Childhood	
HDE 100B	Middle Childhood & Adolescence	
PSC 140	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 Major Electives		
Additional units to achieve a total of 20 units of approved upper division major coursework.		4-5
Any upper division Psychology (PSC) course(s) ²		
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	
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	
HDE 100A	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

¹ Please note that PSC 001 or PSC 001Y is a prerequisite for PSC 041 and all upper division PSC courses.

² Except PSC 197T.