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           4

One course from each of the following four groups:

Core Group A: Perception, Cognition, & Cognitive Neuroscience

Choose 4 units:

PSC 100       Introduction to Cognitive Psychology     4

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

Core Group B: Psychobiology

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 124  Comparative Neuroanatomy (3 units)
PSC 125       Behavioral Epigenetics
PSC 126       Health Psychology
PSC 137       Neurobiology of Learning & Memory
PSC 159       Gender & Human Reproduction

Core Group C: Social/Personality

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

Core Group D: Developmental

Choose 4 units: 4

HDE 100A      Infancy & Early Childhood
HDE 100B      Middle Childhood & Adolescence
PSC 140       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.

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
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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.