

Psychology, B.A.: 120 units

Offered by: College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, Psychology Department

- Major Required
- Major Electives
- Unrestricted Electives
- General Education Requirements

The curriculum matrix for the degree program may be found here. The curriculum matrix is the alignment of courses (curriculum) with the desired goals and student learning outcomes of the program. It shows what is taught and how these outcomes are achieved through the completion of the degree program.

Major Required: 27-28 units

- PSY 2201 - Introduction to Psychology (3) (E)
 - PSY 2204 - Research Methods in Psychology (3)
 - PSY 2210 - Mind, Brain and Behavior: An Integrated View (3)
 - PSY 2222 - Careers in Psychology (1)
 - PSY 3307 - Statistics for Psychology (3)
 - PSY 3307A - Statistics for Psychology Activity (1)
 - PSY 3325 - Multicultural Psychology (3) (D4)
 - PSY 4433 - Experimental Psychology (3)
 - PSY 4433A - Experimental Psychology Activity (1)
- OR
- PSY 4611 - Senior Symposium (3)
 - PSY 4610 - Senior Project (2) and
 - PSY 4620 - Senior Project II (2)
- STA 1200 - Statistics with Applications (3) (B4) or
 - STA 1202 - Statistics with Applications Stretch II (3) (B4)

Major Electives: 24-29 units

Breadth Electives: 12-13 units

Select four courses below and complete 12-13 units. The first four breadth electives completed will satisfy this requirement, and any additional breadth electives will count as emphasis electives. Each course may only fulfill one requirement.

- PSY 3303 - Physiological Psychology (3) and
 - PSY 3303A - Physiological Psychology Activity (1)
- PSY 3305 - Basic Developmental Psychology (3)
 - PSY 3332 - Organizational Psychology (3)
 - PSY 3334 - Cognitive Processes (3)
 - PSY 4401 - Social Psychology (3)

- PSY 4150 - Abnormal Psychology (3)

Emphases Electives: 12-16 units

Select any four courses from the Emphasis lists below and complete at least 12-16 units. You do NOT need to declare a specific Emphasis and the four courses you select do NOT need to be from the same Emphasis list.

Developmental Psychology Emphasis

- PSY 3305 - Basic Developmental Psychology (3)
- PSY 3310 - Child Psychology: Early Childhood (3)
- PSY 3311 - Child Psychology: Middle Childhood (3)
- PSY 3312 - Adolescent Psychology (3)

Clinical Practice Emphasis

- PSY 3305 - Basic Developmental Psychology (3)
- PSY 3310 - Child Psychology: Early Childhood (3) *
- PSY 3311 - Child Psychology: Middle Childhood (3) *
- PSY 3312 - Adolescent Psychology (3) *
- PSY 3322 - Psychology of Women (3)
- PSY 3326 - Health Psychology (3) (B5 or D4)
- PSY 4121 - Theories of Counseling (3)
- PSY 4150 - Abnormal Psychology (3)
- PSY 4160 - Psychological Testing (3)
- PSY 4170 - Basic Counseling Skills (3)
- PSY 4250 - Community Psychology (3)
- PSY 4450 - Principles of Behavior Modification (3)
- PSY 4455 - Human Sexuality: Relationships (3) (D4)
- SW 3322 - Family Violence (3)

Note(s):

*If considering a clinical career with child/family focus.

Social Psychology Emphasis

- PSY 3321 - Psychology of Identity (3)
 - PSY 3322 - Psychology of Women (3)
 - PSY 3326 - Health Psychology (3) (B5 or D4)
 - PSY 3332 - Organizational Psychology (3)
- PSY 3345 - Computer Methods in Psychology (3) and
 - PSY 3345A - Computer Methods in Psychology Activity (1)
- PSY 4401 - Social Psychology (3)
 - PSY 4403 - Psychology of Personality (3)
- PSY 4404 - Qualitative Methods in Psychology (3) and
 - PSY 4404A - Qualitative Methods in Psychology Activity (1)

- PSY 4200 - Environmental Psychology (3)
- PSY 4250 - Community Psychology (3)
- PSY 4260 - Applied Social Psychology (3)

- PSY 4430 - Program Evaluation (3) and
- PSY 4430A - Program Evaluation Activity (1)

- PSY 4444 - Survey Research (3) and
- PSY 4444A - Survey Research Activity (1)

- PSY 4455 - Human Sexuality: Relationships (3) (D4)
- PSY 4490 - Leadership and Teams (3)

I/O Psychology Emphasis

- MHR 3010 - Principles of Management (3)
- MHR 3210 - Human Resources Management (3)
- MHR 4220 - Training and Development (3)
- PSY 3314 - Human Relations in Organizations (3)
- PSY 3332 - Organizational Psychology (3)
- PSY 3333 - Industrial Psychology (3)
- PSY 4220 - Psychology of Creativity (3)

- PSY 4404 - Qualitative Methods in Psychology (3) and
- PSY 4404A - Qualitative Methods in Psychology Activity (1)

- PSY 4430 - Program Evaluation (3) and
- PSY 4430A - Program Evaluation Activity (1)

- PSY 4444 - Survey Research (3) and
- PSY 4444A - Survey Research Activity (1)

- PSY 4452 - Organizational Development and Change (3)
- PSY 4490 - Leadership and Teams (3)

Cognitive Psychology Emphasis

- PHL 3530 - Cognitive Science (3)

- PSY 3303 - Physiological Psychology (3) and
- PSY 3303A - Physiological Psychology Activity (1)

- PSY 3334 - Cognitive Processes (3)
- PSY 3335 - Memory and Amnesia (3)

- PSY 4402 - Theories of Learning (3)

- PSY 4460 - Sensation and Perception (3) and
- PSY 4460A - Sensation and Perception Activity (1)

Biopsychology/Health Psychology/Neuropsychology Emphasis

- PSY 3303 - Physiological Psychology (3) and
- PSY 3303A - Physiological Psychology Activity (1)

- PSY 3326 - Health Psychology (3) (B5 or D4)
- PSY 3334 - Cognitive Processes (3)
- PSY 4150 - Abnormal Psychology (3)
- PSY 4160 - Psychological Testing (3)
- PSY 4455 - Human Sexuality: Relationships (3) (D4)

Pre-Doctoral Emphasis

- PSY 4100 - History and Systems of Psychology (3)

- PSY 4610 - Senior Project (2) and
- PSY 4620 - Senior Project II (2)

- PSY 4000 - Special Study for Upper Division Students (1-3) or
- PSY 4990 - Special Topics for Upper Division Students (1-3) or
- Peer Mentor or
- Completion of McNair Scholars Program

One additional quantitative/advanced methods course, selected from:

- PSY 3303 - Physiological Psychology (3) and
- PSY 3303A - Physiological Psychology Activity (1)

- PSY 4404 - Qualitative Methods in Psychology (3) and
- PSY 4404A - Qualitative Methods in Psychology Activity (1)

- PSY 4430 - Program Evaluation (3) and
- PSY 4430A - Program Evaluation Activity (1)

- PSY 4444 - Survey Research (3) and
- PSY 4444A - Survey Research Activity (1)

- PSY 4460 - Sensation and Perception (3) and
- PSY 4460A - Sensation and Perception Activity (1)

Note(s):

Recommended additional courses for application to specific PhD programs. (Note that Emphases Electives must be taken from the lists above - the courses below are for informational purposes only). Premed students should pursue a minor within the Biological Sciences Department and receive advising from them for entry to medical school – a psychology degree will be insufficient without additional required courses. Students interested in psychiatry must pursue medical training first.

Cognitive

- MAT 1140 - Calculus I (4) (B4)
- MAT 1150 - Calculus II (4) (B4)
- STA 2200 - Introduction to Probability (3)
- STA 4200 - Nonparametric Statistics (3)

Social

- STA 4320 - Applied Regression Analysis (4)

Neuroscience

- Minor within the Biological Sciences Department
- BIO 3090 - Biology of the Brain (3) (B5)

Unrestricted Electives: 15-33 units

Select a sufficient number of courses so that the total from "Major Required", "Major Electives", "GE", and "Unrestricted Electives" is at least 120 units.

General Education Requirements: 48 units

Students should view their Degree Progress Report (DPR) for information regarding their General Education requirements. Unless specific GE courses are required for their major, please refer to the list of approved courses in the General Education Program in the University Catalog, <https://catalog.cpp.edu>. When viewing the catalog, students should select the catalog year associated with the GE requirements listed in their Degree Progress Report.

Area A. English Language Communication and Critical Thinking (9 units)

At least 3 units from each sub-area

1. Oral Communication
2. Written Communication
3. Critical Thinking

Area B. Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (12 units)

At least 3 units from each sub-area

1. Physical Sciences
2. Life Sciences
3. Laboratory Activity
4. Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning
5. Science and Technology Synthesis

Area C. Arts and Humanities (12 units)

At least 3 units from each sub-area and 3 additional units from sub-areas 1 and/or 2

1. Visual and Performing Arts

2. Literature, Modern Languages, Philosophy and Civilization

3. Arts and Humanities Synthesis

Area D. Social Sciences (9 units)

At least 3 units from each sub-area

1. U.S. History and American Ideals
2. U.S. Constitution and California Government
4. Social Science Synthesis

Area E. Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (3 units)

Area F. Ethnic Studies (3 units)

For an alternative and interdisciplinary way to complete some of their GE requirements, students may choose the Interdisciplinary General Education program, see below.

Interdisciplinary General Education: 18 units

An alternate pattern for partial fulfillment of GE Areas A, C, and D available for students is the Interdisciplinary General Education (IGE) program. Students should see an advisor for specific GE coursework required by their major. Please refer to the University Catalog General Education Program section for additional information.

How IGE fulfills General Education Requirements:

Year	Completion of IGE Courses Satisfies GE Requirements
First	IGE 1100, IGE 1200 A2 and C2
Second/Third	IGE 2150, IGE 2250 D1 and C2
Second/Third	IGE 2350 C1
Third	IGE 3100 C3 or D4

American Institutions: 6 units

Courses that satisfy this requirement may also satisfy GE Areas D1 and D2.

Graduation Writing Test

The Graduation Writing Test (GWT) is suspended until Fall 2025. Students entering Cal Poly Pomona before Fall 2025 are not required to take the Graduation Writing Test.