

PSYCHOLOGY B.A.

D'Youville University offers a dynamic and flexible B.A. program in psychology, available on-campus and online. This program provides students with a strong foundation of psychological knowledge that is valuable in any career requiring critical thinking and thoughtful understanding. In addition, the curriculum is designed to provide the student with ongoing guidance in the establishment and attainment of professional goals. The student will be well prepared to gain employment or admission to graduate programs in psychology or related fields.

All psychology majors complete the *Nuts and Bolts* cluster of courses. These courses are the defining features of a major in the social sciences and include an introduction to the field of psychology, statistics and research methods, and a two-course sequence of professions seminars, internships and senior seminars. Students choose internship placements that are consistent with their goals and interests and approved by the Internship Coordinator. Students will spend a minimum of approximately 15 hours per week in internship-related activities. In the co-requisite senior seminar, students discuss issues pertaining to their internship experiences and professional development (e.g., ethics, supervision, cultural competency, applying to graduate school) that culminates in the development of a senior paper. The senior experience is designed to enhance the student's studies in psychology, career development and preparation for graduate study or vocational placement.

In addition to these *Nuts and Bolts* courses, psychology majors are required to complete four courses each from two additional course clusters. These clusters are organized as specific areas of interest within the field of psychology. This curriculum design allows students the freedom to create their own pathway through the major that supports their professional goals. Students interested in a broader education in psychology can create their own course cluster by taking one psychology course from each of four course clusters. Course clusters include:

- Development of the Person
- Behavioral and Mental Health
- Brain and Body
- Personality
- Personal Growth
- Law, the Person, and Society
- Media, the Person, and Society
- Work, the Person, and Society

In addition to traditional on-campus enrollment in the B.A. in Psychology, students have the alternative to apply for and enroll in the online B.A. in Psychology Program. Students in the online B.A. in Psychology Program have the same requirements as those in the traditional on-campus Psychology Program, including access to the required *Nuts and Bolts* courses in online format, while those in the online program will complete their psychology elective course offerings in build your own and Behavioral and Mental Health cluster offerings available online.

Psychology Minor

The psychology minor is designed to enhance a student's academic experience and to provide background for those planning to pursue careers in any field that involves dealing with people. Students wishing to minor in psychology must complete 15 credits. Students are required to complete General Psychology (PSY-101), two of the following courses: Lifespan Development (PSY-203), Physiological Psychology (PSY-204),

Social Psychology (PSY-205), Abnormal Psychology (PSY-206), Cognitive Psychology (PSY-207), Personality (PSY-208); and two additional three-credit psychology electives at any level.

Code	Title	Credits
	Liberal Arts and Science Electives	73
	Required Psychology courses	23
	Elective Psychology courses	24
	Total Credits	120

Course Requirements for the Major

Psychology courses required by program

Code	Title	Credits
PSY-101	General Psychology	3
SOS-201	Social Science Professions I	1
SOS-202	Social Science Professions II	1
SOS-301	Statistics in the Social Science	3
SOS-302	Research Methods in Social Sciences	3
SOS-401	Social Sciences Internship I	4
SOS-402	Senior Seminar I	2
SOS-403	Social Sciences Internship II	4
SOS-404	Senior Seminar II	2
	Total Credits	23

Seven additional psychology elective courses are required, with courses chosen from at least four of the following fundamental areas and including at least two courses at the 400-level.

Choose 4 courses each from two of the clusters below:

Development of the Person

Code	Title	Credits
PSY-203	Lifespan Development	3
PSY-311	Child Development	3
PSY-312	Adolescent Development	3
PSY-353	Adult Development	3
PSY-414	Language	3
PSY-453	Developmental Psychopathology	3
PHI-214	Challenges of Death	3
RS-315	Spirituality in Human Experience	3
PSY-419	Topics in Development	3

Behavioral and Mental Health

Code	Title	Credits
PSY-206	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY-314	Health Psychology	3
PSY-356	Theories of Counseling	3
PSY-366	Psychological Testing	3
PSY-411	Clinical Interviewing	3
PSY-456	Behavior Modifications	3
ESS-101	Introduction to Exercise and Sports Studies	3

HAPH-301	Health Behavior	3
PSY-417	Topics in Behavioral and Mental	3

Brain and Body

Code	Title	Credits
PSY-204	Physiological Psychology	3
PSY-207	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSY-344	Animal Behavior	3
PSY-357	Sensation and Perception	3
PSY-454	Drugs and Behavior	3
PSY-457	Learning & Memory	3
BIO-105	Human Biology	4
BIO-105L	Human Biology Lab	0
BIO-117	Drugs and Disease	3
PSY-418	Topics in Brain and Body	3

Personality

Code	Title	Credits
PSY-208	Personality	3
PSY-315	Intelligence	3
PSY-319	Self and Identity	3
PSY-367	Psychology of Consciousness	3
PSY-455	Multicultural Psychology	3
PSY-458	Psychology of Gender	3
PHI-101	Philosophy & the Human Condition	3
BIO-105	Human Biology	4
BIO-105L	Human Biology Lab	0
PSY-422	Topics in Personality	3

Personal Growth

Code	Title	Credits
PSY-212	Personal Growth	3
PSY-316	Close Relationships	3
PSY-317	Emotions and Motivation	3
PSY-368	Stress & Adjustment	3
PSY-412	Goal Setting and Decision Making	3
PSY-425	The Science of Wellbeing	3
PHI-210	Freedom, Death, and Meaning	3
RS-315	Spirituality in Human Experience	3
PSY-421	Topics in Personal Growth	3

Law, the Person, and Society

Code	Title	Credits
SOC-201	Social Problems	3
PSY-206	Abnormal Psychology	3
SOC-301	Deviance and Society	3
PSY-365	Psychology and the Legal System	3
SOC-405	Drugs and Society	3
PSY-413	Criminal Behavior	3
HIS-330	History of Constitutional Law	3
PSY-413	Criminal Behavior	3
HIS-330	History of Constitutional Law	3
PHI-204	Logic and Reasoning	3

PSY-423	Topics in Law, the Person, and Society	3
or SOC-415	Topics in Law, the Person and Society	

Media, the Person, and Society

Code	Title	Credits
PSY-205	Social Psychology	3
SOC-202	Media and Society	3
PSY-313	Consumer Behavior	3
SOC-304	Media Literacy	3
PSY-415	Mass Communication	3
SOC-407	Social Media	3
IMA-331	Media and Culture	3
PHI-211	Technology and Society	3
PSY-420	Topics in Media, the Person, Society	3
or SOC-411	Topics in Media, the Person and Society	

Work, the Person, and Society

Code	Title	Credits
PSY-211	Working on a Team	3
SOC-206	Sociology of Work	3
PSY-318	Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3
PSY-416	Motivation in the Workplace	3
SOC-403	American Labor Movement	3
MGT-304	Communicating in Organizations	3
MGT-350	Leadership	3
PSY-424	Topics in Work, the Person, and Society	3
or SOC-416	Topics in Work, the Person and Society	

Academic Standards

Academic regulations for psychology are in addition to general college policies for all part-time and full-time students. Part-time and full-time students must meet all the academic regulations listed below.

1. Grade and G.P.A. requirements
 - a. Psychology major academic requirements:
 - i. Students must maintain a semester and cumulative average of a minimum of 2.0.
 - ii. Students must maintain a minimum grade of C in courses required for the major. Such courses include the Nuts & Bolts foundation courses (SOS courses and PSY 101).
 - iii. Students who fail to meet these requirements are placed on program probation for one semester.
 - iv. Students are permitted to repeat a course once. Permission to repeat a course must be obtained from the faculty in that course on a space-available basis.
 - b. Psychology elective academic requirements
 - i. Students in the major must achieve a C or better in psychology cluster elective cluster courses that are applied to requirements in the major.
 - ii. Students in the major earning less than a C in psychology cluster elective courses may:
 1. Not apply those courses with less than a C to the major requirements
 2. Choose to repeat the course when it is next offered in order to obtain a C or better

3. Choose to take a different elective to apply towards the cluster requirements in the major. In such circumstances, the student cannot apply the elective course graded below C towards the cluster in the major but may be able to apply it towards the general education elective requirements if they achieved a passing grade in the course.
2. Probationary standing:
 - a. Students who are placed on program probation have the following limitations and conditions:
 - i. Students will be limited to no more than 13 credit hours per semester.
 - ii. Students must schedule and attend a meeting with their academic mentor within the first 3 weeks of the semester while on academic probation. The purpose of this meeting is to establish a collaborative remediation plan.
 - iii. Students will be placed on academic probation for one full-time semester, during which time they must fulfill the conditions of probation and achieve the grade and GPA requirements for the major. Students who do not fulfill the conditions of probation or achieve the grade and GPA requirements for the major may have their probationary standing extended one semester. After two consecutive semesters on probation, students that have not fulfilled the conditions of probation or achieved the grade and GPA requirements for the major may be required to take a leave of absence or may be dismissed from the program. Probation may be permitted to continue beyond two semesters only under extraordinary circumstances.
 - iv. Students on academic probation must have the permission of the social sciences internship coordinator to be eligible to register for Internship I (SOS 401)/Senior Seminar I (SOS 402) or Internship II (SOS 403)/Senior Seminar II (SOS 404). In order to obtain this permission, students must demonstrate the ability to meet academic and professional standards of the program required for the internship experience.
 - b. Previously dismissed students who re-apply and are re-accepted into the program will be placed on program probation for their returning first full-time semester.

Admission Requirements

Freshman Admission

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. A high school average of at least 80 percent

Transfer Admission

Students must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.00. Transfer credits will be determined on a case-by-case basis to assess adaptability to curriculum requirements.