

PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC)

Department of Psychology, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences

The discipline of Psychology is normally associated with the social sciences, the biological sciences, and the health professions. Specialization in Psychology at Guelph is available as a B.A. Honours program major and minor and a B.A. General program area of concentration, all of which are described below, as well as a B.A. Honours program Co-op major (PSYC:C).

Through its different undergraduate programs, the Psychology Department provides:

- a broad general education emphasizing psychological theory and methodology, with an empirical basis in course work (e. g., experiments and projects);
- an appropriate background in psychology for those who leave the University with an undergraduate degree to embark on careers in related areas; and
- a sound preparation for graduate study in Psychology.

Students intending to apply to Psychology graduate programs, and those who want a structured, intensive research experience, may apply to enrol in the Honours Thesis courses (See Option B – Honours Thesis Stream). In addition, students intending to apply for admission to graduate programs in Psychology should note most graduate programs require the applicant to have at least an A- average in order to be considered for admission.

Note on Honours Courses

Courses designated with (H) are for students in Psychology Honours programs. These include: B.A. Honours Psychology (PYSC, PYSC:C) major or minor and the Neuroscience (NEUR) major or minor. A cumulative average of at least 70% in all course attempts in Psychology, NEUR major or minor, or PBC major or minor is required to enrol in H designated courses.

Advising Note

We advise students to take PSYC*1000 Introduction to Psychology in their first semester and PSYC*1010 Making Sense of Data in Psychological Research and PSYC*1500 Foundational Skills for Psychology in their second semester

The maximum number of PSYC credits students can take at each level is as follows:

- 1000 level courses: no cap
- 2000 level courses: 3.50 credits
- 3000 level courses: 3.50 credits
- 4000 level courses: 3.00 credits

Area of Concentration (General Program)

A total of 6.00 credits are required for the Psychology Area of Concentration.

Code	Title	Credits
Year 1		
PSYC*1000	Introduction to Psychology	0.50

PSYC*1010	Making Sense of Data in Psychological Research	0.50
PSYC*1500	Foundational Skills for Psychology	0.50
Year 2		
PSYC*2070	Teams, Leadership, and Professional Behaviour	0.50
PSYC*2360	Psychological Methods and Statistics	0.50
Select 0.50 credits from the following:		
PSYC*2330	Principles of Learning	0.50
PSYC*2390	Sensation and Perception	0.50
PSYC*2410	Behavioural Neuroscience I	0.50
PSYC*2650	Cognitive Psychology	0.50
Select 1.00 credits from the following:		
PSYC*2020	Abnormal Psychology	0.50
PSYC*2310	Social Psychology	0.50
PSYC*2450	Developmental Psychology	0.50
PSYC*2740	Personality	0.50
Year 3		
PSYC*3470	Putting Psychology to Work	0.50
1.00 additional credit in PSYC at the 3000 level.		1.00
0.50 additional credit in PSYC at the 2000 level or above.		0.50

Major (Honours Program)

A total of 9.00 credits are required for the Psychology major BAH.

Code	Title	Credits
Year 1		
PSYC*1000	Introduction to Psychology	0.50
PSYC*1010	Making Sense of Data in Psychological Research	0.50
PSYC*1500	Foundational Skills for Psychology	0.50
Year 2		
PSYC*2070	Teams, Leadership, and Professional Behaviour	0.50
PSYC*2360	Psychological Methods and Statistics	0.50
Select 1.00 credits from the following:		
PSYC*2330	Principles of Learning	0.50
PSYC*2390	Sensation and Perception	0.50
PSYC*2410	Behavioural Neuroscience I	0.50
PSYC*2650	Cognitive Psychology	0.50
Select 1.00 credits from the following:		
PSYC*2020	Abnormal Psychology	0.50
PSYC*2310	Social Psychology	0.50
PSYC*2450	Developmental Psychology	0.50
PSYC*2740	Personality	0.50
Select one of the following options for years 3 & 4:		
Option A - Honours Regular Stream		
Year 3		
PSYC*3000	Historical and Critical Perspectives on Psychology	0.50
PSYC*3250	Psychological Measurement	0.50
PSYC*3290	Conducting Statistical Analyses in Psychology	0.50

1.50 additional credit in Psychology at 3000 level.		1.50
<i>Year 4</i>		
PSYC*4540	Practical Applications of Psychology	1.00
0.50 additional credit in Psychology at 4000 level.		0.50
Option B - Honours Thesis Stream ¹		
<i>Year 3</i>		
PSYC*3000	Historical and Critical Perspectives on Psychology	0.50
PSYC*3250	Psychological Measurement	0.50
PSYC*3290	Conducting Statistical Analyses in Psychology	0.50
1.0 additional credit in Psychology at 3000 level.		1.00
<i>Year 4</i>		
PSYC*4780	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics	0.50
or PSYC*4790	Qualitative Methods in Psychology	
PSYC*4870	Honours Thesis I ²	0.50
PSYC*4880	Honours Thesis II ²	1.00

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The Honours Thesis stream is recommended for students considering graduate work, as most graduate programs in Psychology expect that students will have completed an undergraduate thesis or equivalent. The two honours thesis courses (PSYC*4870 Honours Thesis I and PSYC*4880 Honours Thesis II) are normally taken in a Fall-Winter sequence. Registration for these courses requires Department approval, which is normally granted to those students whose academic performance meets the minimum admission requirements of Psychology graduate programs.

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Students should note that the Honours Thesis courses are normally taken in a Fall-Winter sequence and are worth the equivalent of 1.50 credits toward the 20.00 credits Honours B.A. degree requirements.

Minor (Honours Program)

(May not be taken in combination with a Psychology Honours Major)

A total of 5.00 credits are required for the Psychology Minor, including:

Code	Title	Credits
PSYC*1000	Introduction to Psychology	0.50
PSYC*1010	Making Sense of Data in Psychological Research	0.50
PSYC*2360	Psychological Methods and Statistics	0.50
Select an additional 2.00 credits from the following courses:		
PSYC*2020	Abnormal Psychology	0.50
PSYC*2310	Social Psychology	0.50
PSYC*2330	Principles of Learning	0.50
PSYC*2390	Sensation and Perception	0.50
PSYC*2410	Behavioural Neuroscience I	0.50
PSYC*2450	Developmental Psychology	0.50
PSYC*2650	Cognitive Psychology	0.50
PSYC*2740	Personality	0.50
1.50 additional credits at the 3000 level in Psychology		1.50

Note: There is a maximum number of Psychology credits a student may complete. Please refer to the major for further information.