

Psychology

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Psychology in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science defines itself as a science that focuses on mental processes and cognition, social influences on the individual and the biological and neural bases of human and animal behavior. The main mission of the faculty in psychology is to prepare students for graduate training and professional work in psychology as well as to provide a sound undergraduate education for students wishing to work in areas outside of psychology, such as business, law or education.

The department offers the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Psychology and the [Bachelor of Science \(B.S.\) degree in Neuroscience and Behavior](#), as well as an upper-division [Honors Program in Psychology](#), the FAU [Max Planck Honors Program](#), a [minor in Psychology](#) and a [certificate in Applied Mental Health Services](#).

In the graduate area, the Department of Psychology offers the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Psychology and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Experimental Psychology.

Note: The Department of Psychology considers scientific misconduct, including such activities as inventing or intentionally misrepresenting data, as interfering with its educational mission and subject to the same penalties and procedures as other Honor Code violations and academic irregularities.

[Link to Master's Program](#)

[Link to Doctoral Program](#)

Bachelor of Arts with Major in Psychology (Minimum of 120 credits required)

The B.A. degree in Psychology is intended for students interested in pursuing graduate study in psychology (experimental psychology, clinical or counseling psychology, applied psychology). The departmental program offers a focus in psychology and maximum flexibility in choice of electives. Thus, it may be tailored to the interests of the individual student and to further professional plans. A grade of "C-" or better (unless otherwise noted in the course description) is required in all psychology and cognate courses taken as part of the requirements for a B.A. with major in Psychology. However, students must maintain a "C" average in departmental major courses. Facilities are available for experimental research in cognitive psychology, neuroscience and behavior, social/personality psychology and developmental psychology. Qualified students are strongly encouraged to become involved in such research (normally via a Directed Independent Study or a special research course).

Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the Intellectual Foundations Program) and requirements for the college and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the [Transition Guides](#).

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

In addition to the University and College requirements, all students are required to complete at least 40 credits in college-level psychology coursework, and a minimum of ~~37~~ 31 credits of the 40 credits must be upper-division (3000/4000) level. A minimum of 28 of the upper-division credits must be taken at Florida Atlantic University. Up to 12 credits of transfer psychology coursework may be applied to the psychology major, upon approval of the department. Please note that no more than 9 credits of the transfer coursework applied to the major can be at the lower-division level.

General Psychology Requirements		
<i>Nine core courses are required of all majors:</i>		
Psychology of Human Development	DEP 3053*	3
Cognition	EXP 3505*	3
Biological Bases of Behavior 1	PSB 3002*	3
General Psychology	PSY 1012	3
Research Methods in Psychology	PSY 3213*	3
Experimental Design and Statistical Inference	PSY 3234*	3
Social Psychology	SOP 3004*	3
Intermediate Statistics Lab	STA 3163L*	1
Laboratory in Psychology (see below)**		3

* For transfer students: If a lower-division course has been taken in any of the core areas that have an upper-division course requirement, the student may, with the approval of a psychology advisor, substitute a different upper-division course in the same content area for the original course.

****Laboratory Requirement**

The laboratory requirement may be met with any of the following:

1. Existing laboratory courses: DEP 4797C, Human Development Lab; EXP 4934C, Cognition Laboratory; PSB 3002L, Computer Lab in Psychobiology; PSB 4004L, Laboratory in Psychobiology; SOP 4230C, Social Behavior Laboratory; OR
2. Special topics laboratory courses with the words "Research in..." or "Laboratory in..." in the title, e.g., PSY 4930, Research in (Varied Topics); OR
3. Upper-division, Directed Independent Study lab courses taken for 3 credits (PSY 4906, requires memo from instructor certifying lab experience); OR
4. An Honors Thesis, PSY 4970.



Psychology Elective Requirements

A minimum of five additional courses are to be selected from the following:

Comparative Animal Behavior	CBH 4024	3
Abnormal Psychology	CLP 4144	3
Childhood Bilingualism	DEP 3134	3
Personality and Social Development	DEP 4095	3
Infant Development	DEP 4115	3
Language Acquisition	DEP 4130	3
Cognitive Development	DEP 4163	3
Psychology of Adolescence	DEP 4305	3
Human Development Laboratory	DEP 4797C	3
Auditory Perception	EXP 4120	3
Music Perception and Cognition	EXP 4180	3
Human Perception	EXP 4204	3
Psychology of Motivation	EXP 4304	3
Psychology of Learning	EXP 4404	3
Human Memory	EXP 4525	3
Psychology of Language	EXP 4640	3
Cognition Laboratory	EXP 4934C	3
Interpersonal Processes	PCO 4734	3
Personality Theories	PPE 4003	3
Experimental Studies of Personality	PPE 4700	3
Computer Lab in Psychobiology	PSB 3002L	3
Laboratory in Psychobiology	PSB 4004L	3
Biological Bases of Behavior 2	PSB 4006	3
Neuropsychology	PSB 4240	3
Human Psychophysiology	PSB 4323	3
Psychopharmacology	PSB 4444	3
Developmental Psychobiology	PSB 4504	3
Neurobiology of Learning and Memory	PSB 4810	3
Biopsychology of Language	PSB 4833	3
Biological Vision	PSB 5117	3
University Honors Seminar in Psychology	PSY 1930	3
Special Topics	PSY 2930	1-3
Cooperative Education	PSY 3949	1-3
Personality Test and Measurement	PSY 4302	3
History and Systems of Psychology	PSY 4604	3
Evolutionary Psychology	PSY 4810	3
Advanced Evolutionary Psychology	PSY 4812	3