The Psychology department offers the student a major program that allows choices of courses from among a wide variety of fields in psychology: biological, clinical, cognitive, developmental, health, and social. In addition to the considerable breadth offered, the program encourages the student to focus on more specialized areas, through advanced coursework, seminars, labs, and supervised research. Bryn Mawr Psychology majors find that the major program provides a strong foundation for graduate study in all areas of psychology, as well as for graduate work in medicine, social work, law, business, public health, and education. Students majoring in psychology also have the opportunity to pursue an area of further study as a minor in Neuroscience, Health Studies, or Child and Family Studies. Students who wish to become a Psychology major should choose a faculty member to be their major advisor and fill in a Major Plan with that advisor by the Spring semester of sophomore year. All continuing faculty in the department serve as major advisors.

**Prerequisites**

10 Units of Courses* Plus One Semester Junior Brown Bag

- **Psychology 105 – Introductory Psychology.**
- **Psychology 205 – Research Methods and Statistics with laboratory.**

Two half-unit research method courses *Bryn Mawr versions of these courses are writing intensive; taking two will satisfy the Writing Requirement in the Major* (The writing requirement may also be satisfied by a full unit writing intensive class.)

- Psychology 282 – Laboratory in Cognitive Psychology
- Psychology 283 – Laboratory in Developmental Psychology
- Psychology 284 – Laboratory in Health Psychology
- Psychology 285 – Laboratory in Cultural Psychology
- Psychology 286 – Laboratory in Behavioral Neuroscience
- Psychology 288 – Laboratory in Social Psychology
- Psychology 289 – Laboratory in Clinical Psychology

- Six Elective Psychology Courses at the 200 or 300 level (at least two must be at the 200 level and two at the 300 level)

**Intermediate (200) Courses, such as:**

- Psychology 203 - Educational Psychology (Praxis Option)
- Psychology 206 - Developmental Psychology/
  (or Lifespan Devo Psychology)
- Psychology 208 - Social Psychology
- Psychology 209 - Abnormal Psychology
- Psychology 212 - Human Cognition
- Psychology 218 - Behavioral Neuroscience
- Psychology 224 – Cross-Cultural Psychology
- Psychology 231 - Health Psychology

**Advanced (300) Courses, such as:**

- GSSW 308 – Adult Developmental and Aging
- Psychology 311 – Personality and Social Context
- Psychology 314 – Multivariate Statistics
- Psychology 315 – Stress Neuroscience
- Psychology 316 – Drugs of Abuse
A student who wishes to study abroad in her junior year should consult with her major advisor as well as her Dean to select a program appropriate to her academic interests. Students may be able to count (see asterisk below) some psychology courses taken abroad towards their major requirements. Students will need to submit the syllabus for the course to their major advisor, and the advisor, in consultation with the department, will determine whether the course may be used towards the major requirements. Approval is granted on a course by course basis and should be obtained before leaving Bryn Mawr.

Students have numerous opportunities to collaborate with faculty on research projects. Students interested in getting involved in research should approach individual faculty to inquire about research opportunities in the faculty member's lab. Senior thesis work is highly recommended for students who are considering graduate school, particularly psychology Ph.D. programs. Students who plan to conduct senior thesis work should talk with individual faculty members to inquire about thesis opportunities in the faculty member's lab. This meeting should occur by the spring of the student’ junior year.

*With approval, a maximum of two courses (or their equivalent) from Study Abroad OR from another University outside the TRICO (or Penn) OR from AP or IB credit for Intro can count toward major requirements.

**Students may elect to place out of BMC’s Intro course (with a 5 on the AP or a 6 or 7 on the IB or having taken intro at another College). These students are only required to complete 9 additional full unit courses or their equivalent.