

## THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR AT BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

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The Psychology department offers the student a major program that allows choices of courses from among a wide variety of fields in psychology: neuroscience, clinical, cognitive, developmental, health, cultural, 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 pair their major with a minor in Neuroscience, Health Studies, Data Science, Asian American Studies, or Child and Family Studies (among other minors offered at BMC). A student who wishes to become a Psychology major should choose a faculty member to be their major advisor and fill in a Major Plan prior to preregistration in the Spring semester of their sophomore year.

### Prerequisites

#### 10 Units of Courses\* Plus One Semester Psychology Colloquium

- PSYC 105 – Introductory Psychology.\*\*
- PSYC 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*

- PSYC 282 – Lab in Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 283 – Lab in Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 284 – Lab in Health Psychology
- PSYC 285 – Lab in Cultural Psychology
- PSYC 286 – Lab in Behavioral Neuroscience
- PSYC 287 – Lab in Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSYC 288 – Lab in Social Psychology
- PSYC 289 – Lab 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:

- PSYC 203 - Educational Psychology (Praxis Option)
- PSYC 206 - Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 208 - Social Psychology
- PSYC 209 - Clinical Psychology
- PSYC 211 – Lifespan Development
- PSYC 212 - Human Cognition
- PSYC 218 - Behavioral Neuroscience
- PSYC 224 – Cultural Psychology
- PSYC 231 - Health Psychology

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

- PSYC 314 – Multivariate Statistics
- PSYC 315 – Stress Neuroscience
- PSYC 316 – Drugs of Abuse
- PSYC 330 – Reproducible Research in Psychology
- PSYC 331 – Health Behavior and Context
- PSYC 332 – Unlocking the Self-Control Toolbox

- PSYC 318 – Data Science with R
- PSYC 322 – Culture and Development
- PSYC 323 – Advanced Topics in Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSYC 325 – Judgment and Decision Making
- PSYC 327 – Adolescent Development
- PSYC 352 – Advanced Topics in Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 353 – Advanced Topics in Clinical Psychology
- PSYC 354 – Asian-American Psychology
- PSYC 395 - Psychopharmacology
- PSYC 403 – Supervised Research

### **One Semester Psychology Colloquium\*\*\***

- Spring Semester Sophomore Year
- Fall Semester Junior Year
- Spring Semester Junior Year

### **Senior Capstone Requirement**

- PSYC 399 – Senior Seminar in Psychology
- PSYC 400 – Senior Thesis in Psychology (2 semesters of research)

A student who wishes to study abroad in their junior year should consult with their major advisor as well as their Dean to select a program appropriate to their 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, with final approval after the student completes the course. Students studying abroad are encouraged to complete Psychology Colloquium before studying abroad.

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 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 prior to preregistration during the spring of junior year.

A student may minor in Psychology by taking PSYC 105 and PSYC 205 and any other four courses that meet the requirements of the major. Minors are welcome to participate in Psychology Colloquium, but it is not required for the minor.

\*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/minor 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.

\*\*\*Psychology Colloquium is offered every semester on Fridays from 12-1pm. Students are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible after they declare the major and complete Psychology Colloquium by the end of junior year. Majors can sign up by emailing Ann Ogle, the departmental administrative assistant [aogle@brynmawr.edu](mailto:aogle@brynmawr.edu).