

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. 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 with that advisor by the Spring semester of their sophomore year.

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 203 - Educational Psychology (Praxis Option) | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 212 - Human Cognition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 206 - Developmental Psychology | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 218 - Behavioral Neuroscience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 208 - Social Psychology | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 224 – Cross-Cultural Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 209 - Abnormal Psychology | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 231 - Health Psychology |

Advanced (300) Courses, such as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> GSSW 308 – Adult Developmental and Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 314 – Multivariate Statistics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 311 – Personality and Social Context | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 315 – Stress Neuroscience |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 316 – Drugs of Abuse |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 317 – Psychology of Diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 331 – Health Psychology Seminar: Health Behavior and Context |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 318 – Data Science with R | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 351 – Developmental Psychopathology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 322 – Culture and Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 353 – Advanced Topics in Clinical Psychology (e.g. Mindfulness) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 323 – Advanced Topics in Cognitive Neuroscience | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 354 – Asian-American Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 325 – Judgment and Decision Making | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 395 - Psychopharmacology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 327 – Adolescent Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 403 – Supervised Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 330 – Reproducible Research in Psychology | |

One Semester Junior Brown Bag

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester |
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Senior Capstone Requirement

- ☐ Psychology 399 – Senior Seminar in Psychology
- ☐ Psychology 400 – Senior Thesis in Psychology (2 semesters of research)
- ☐ Psychology 401 – Supervised Research in Neural and Behavioral Sciences (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.

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's 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.