University of New Mexico
Psychology Minor Requirements

The requirements for a Psychology Minor are described below and in the University Catalog.

To obtain a minor, students must complete eighteen (18) credit hours in Psychology with a grade of “C” or better (grades of C- are not accepted)**. PSY 105 Introduction to Psychology is the only required course for the minor. Student may select PSY courses of their choice to complete the additional 15 credit hours for the minor. Please note some psychology courses have prerequisites.

***Six (6) credit hours (¼ of the minor) MUST be taken at UNM to meet the residency requirement.***

Psychology Minor (18 Credits*)

- [ ] PSY 105 General Psychology- 3hrs (Required course)
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*Although the department does not have an upper division requirement for the minor, the College of Arts & Sciences does have a requirement of 42 credit hours of upper division courses for students majoring within the college. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you take 300/400 level psychology electives when the appropriate prerequisites are met.

UD= Upper Division Course 300 or 400 level course.
***= grades of C- are not accepted

Turn Over for a Listing of Psychology Courses
UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY COURSE LISTING

105. General Psychology. (3) Overview of the major content areas in psychology. Topics to be covered include learning, cognition, perception, motivation, biological systems, social and abnormal psychology, development, personality and approaches to psychotherapy. Meets New Mexico State University General Education Common Core Curriculum Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences.

200. Statistical Principles. (3) Presentation of the basic principles of the design and interpretation of data. Provides an acquaintance with statistical principles as applied to a liberal education, as well as a basis for further work in data analysis. Students planning graduate study in any field are advised to take 300 and 302 as well. Prerequisite: 105.

200. Developmental Psychology. (3) Overview of the physical, perceptual, motor, cognitive, emotional and social development of children from infancy through adolescence. Prerequisite: 105.

210. Psychology of Human Sexuality. (3) (Also offered as WMST 231.) Exploration of the physiological, social and individual factors that influence sexual behavior, sex roles and sex identity. Prerequisite: 105.

240. Brain and Behavior. (3) A general survey of the biological foundations of behavior. Emphasis is on the central nervous system. Prerequisite: 105 or BIOL 110 or BIOL 123.

265. Cognitive Psychology. (3) Study of the cognitive processes involved in the encoding, storage, retrieval and use of knowledge including attention, memory, comprehension, categorization, reasoning, problem solving and language. Prerequisite: 105.

270. Social Psychology. (3) Study of social influence: perception of oneself and others, attitudes, conformity, attraction, altruism, aggression, and groups. Prerequisite: 105.

280. Health Psychology. (3) This course introduces Health Psychology. The course will cover the role of stress in illness, coping with chronic illness, stress, illness, and pain, and the role of health behavior in health and disease. Prerequisite: 105.

300. Intermediate Statistics. (3) Complex analysis of variance designs (factorial, mixed model, Latin square, unequal-n) and nonparametric tests. Prerequisite: 200.

320. Psychological Research Techniques. (3) Application of the concepts covered in 200. Includes discussion of basic principles of research design and socio-norm technique as applied to psychology. Prerequisite: 200.

322. Developmental Psychological Lab. (2) Research projects related to topics in 324, 328, 329. Prerequisite: 220 and (324 or 328 or 329).

323. Social Development. (3) An advanced course that presents theory and research on the social, emotional, perceptual and motor development in the first two years of life. Prerequisite: 220.

328. Cognitive Development. (3) An advanced course that presents theory and research on the development of cognition, from memory and representation to spatial reasoning and concept formation. Prerequisite: 220.

360. Human Learning and Memory. (3) How humans acquire and use knowledge. Theoretical and applied research is conducted around the topics of memory structures, attention, forgetting, mnemonics, imagery and individual differences in memory. Prerequisite: 260 or 265.

362L Human Learning and Memory Laboratory. (2) Laboratory projects related to topics in 362L. Prerequisite: 200 and 362L.

364. Psychology of Perception. (3) Study of the methods organisms use to gain information about objects. The sensory processes are considered as a basis for description of more complex perceptual phenomena. Prerequisite: 260 or 265.

365. Applied Experimental Psychology. (3) Application of theory, methods and data from experimental psychology to topics such as training, education, assessment, design of human-machine interfaces, the legal profession, consumerism and environmental systems. Prerequisite: 265.

367. Psychology of Language. (3) Theoretical and methodological issues in psychological linguistics, including comprehension, speech perception and production, language acquisition, bilingualism, brain and language, reading. Prerequisite: 220 or 240 or 260 or 265 or 271 or LING 101 or LING 292 or ANTH 110.

374. Cross-cultural Psychology. (3) Impact of culture on human behavior, learning, personality and other selected topics is examined. Course emphasizes critical analysis, dissection and writing about cross-cultural research and theory. Prerequisite: 220 or 271.

375. Psychology of Women. (3) (Also offered as WMST 375.) Survey of research and theory on gender-role stereotypes and gender differences in such contexts as interpersonal relations, the family, the work force, mass media, mental and physical health. Prerequisite: 105.

375L Social Psychology Laboratory. (2) Laboratory projects with discussion of research issues unique to social psychology. Four hours lab. Prerequisite: 200 and 375. (Also offered as WMST 375.)

378. Social Interaction. (3) In-depth examination of interpersonal and group processes such as cooperation, competition, prejudice, conflict resolution and the sharing of limited resources. Includes discussion of formal (algebraic, computer-simulation) models. Prerequisites: 271.

391. Junior Honors Seminar. (3) Discussion of the history and systems of psychology, philosophy of science and research methodology, particularly as related to current topics in psychology. Prerequisite: 260 or 265 and 302. Restriction: permission of instructor. (Fall)

392. Junior Honors Seminar. (3) Continuation of 391. (Spring) Prerequisite: 391.

400. History of Psychology. (3) Introduces students to the major developments and individuals in the history of psychology. Prerequisite: Any 300 level psychology course. (Fall)

405. Crisis Worker Practicum. (1 to a maximum of 6) Training and experience at Agora Crisis Center. Can lead to certification in crisis intervention. Some weekend, evening and holiday hours required. Minimum commitment: two semesters, weekly four hour shift. Must be 18 and deemed eligible by the Agora Executive Committee. Restriction: permission of instructor.

412. Advanced Developmental Psychology. (3) Involves application of the theoretical bases and critical issues in the area of developmental psychology. Prerequisite: 324 or 329.

422. Child Language. (3) Morford, John-Steiner/Alcock offered as LNG 460.) Theories, methodologies and findings in child language, from birth to late childhood. Emphasis on applications of child language data for linguistic and psycholinguistic theories. Topics: biological foundations; psycholinguistic communication; phonological, syntactic, semantic aspects of language development; gender and language, bilingualism. Prerequisite: 324 or 328 or 360 or 367 or LNG 367.


434. Behavior Therapies. (3) A survey of clinical behavior therapies, including techniques based upon learning theory, self-control, cognitive and social psychological principles. Emphasis is upon treatment outcome research and the practical application of these methods to clients' life problems. Prerequisite: 332.

436. Family Psychology. (3) Focuses on the major theoretical approaches to family dysfunction and examines family influences on the development and maintenance of deviance, including domestic violence, substance abuse, anorexia nervosa, depression and schizophrenia. Prerequisite: 332.

439. Child Psychopathology. (3) Theories and practices related to an understanding of children and adolescents with mental health problems and normal development either intellectually, educationally, emotionally, physically or in some combination. Relevant family variables are considered. Prerequisite: 220 and 332.


450. Special Topics in Psychology. (1-3, no limit) Δ Study of any psychological topic not otherwise included in the curriculum upon agreement of the interested student and faculty. May be repeated for credit provided the subject matter varies.

471. Psychological Research Techniques. (3) (Also offered as WMST 375.) The course will cover the role of stress in illness, coping with chronic illness, stress, illness, and pain, and the role of health behavior in health and disease. Prerequisite: 105.

473. Drugs and Behavior. (3) Study of the pharmacological action and physiological and psychological effects of drugs of abuse including stimulants, depressants, narcotics and hallucinogens. Prerequisite: 240.

492. Senior Honors Seminar. (3) Experimental methods and laboratory techniques. Senior thesis based on independent research. Prerequisite: 392. Three hours lab. (Fall)

492. Senior Honors Seminar. (3) Continuation of 491. Three hours lab. (Spring) Prerequisite: 491.

499. Undergraduate Problems. (1-3 to a maximum of 6) Δ Restriction: permission of instructor.