

Psychology, B.A.

NOTE: Students may complete either the B.A. in Psychology, the B.S. in Psychology, or the B.S. in Cognitive Sciences. You may not double major within the majors offered by the department. The courses in this major are designed to provide students with a strong foundation in general psychology.

All students must meet the University Requirements (<http://catalogue.uci.edu/informationforadmittedstudents/requirementsforabachelorsdegree/>).

All students must meet the School Requirements (<http://catalogue.uci.edu/schoolofsocialsciences/#schoolrequirementstext>).

Departmental Requirements for the Major

School requirements must be met and must include 18 courses (70 units) as specified below:

A. Complete the following:	
PSYCH 9A- 9B- 9C	Psychology Fundamentals and Psychology Fundamentals and Psychology Fundamentals
B. Two introductory courses (eight units) in the social sciences selected from:	
ANTHRO 2A	Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology
ANTHRO 2B	Introduction to Biological Anthropology
ANTHRO 2D	Introduction to Language and Culture
ECON 1	Introduction to Economics
LSCI 3	Introduction to Linguistics
POL SCI 11C	Introduction to Political Science: Micropolitics
SOC SCI 5A	Introduction to Human Geography
SOCIOL 1	Introduction to Sociology
SOCIOL 2	Globalization
SOCIOL 3	Social Problems
or one or two quarters of the following when topic is not psychology:	
SOC SCI H1E- H1F- H1G	Honors: Critical Issues on the Social Sciences and Honors: Critical Issues on the Social Sciences and Honors: Critical Issues on the Social Sciences
C. A one-quarter course and laboratory in experimental psychology or research methods selected from the following:	
PSYCH 112A- 112LA	Experimental Psychology and Experimental Psychology Laboratory
PSYCH 112M- 112LM	Research Methods in Psychology and Research Methods in Psychology Laboratory
PSYCH 112R- 112LR	Cognitive Robotics and Cognitive Robotics Laboratory
NOTE: These courses have as prerequisites PSYCH 9A, PSYCH 9B, PSYCH 9C and one year of mathematics/statistics (see course listings). These prerequisites are strictly enforced. PSYCH 112A, PSYCH 112LA are the first quarter of a multi-quarter sequence that satisfies the upper-division writing requirement and allows students to plan and conduct research projects. Students taking these courses should plan to continue in them through at least the second quarter. Students who intend to fulfill the upper-division writing requirement in some other way should consider taking PSYCH 112D and PSYCH 112LD, PSYCH 112M and PSYCH 112LM, or PSYCH 112R and PSYCH 112LR to fulfill the laboratory requirement.	
D. Select four upper-division Psychology core courses (16 units). These courses are designated with an ending number "0" and include the following:	
PSYCH 120A	Abnormal Psychology
PSYCH 120D	Developmental Psychology
PSYCH 120H	History of Psychology
PSYCH 120P	Personality Theories
PSYCH 130A	Perception and Sensory Processes
PSYCH 140C	Cognitive Science
PSYCH 140L	Learning and Decision Making
PSYCH 140M	Human Memory
PSYCH 150	Psychology of Language
PSYCH 160A	Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience

PSYCH 160D	Brain Disorders and Behavior
E. Select seven additional courses (four or more units each) with emphasis in psychology, distributed as follows:	
1. No more than one of the seven may be lower-division. PSYCH 7A may not be used to fulfill this requirement.	
2. Three of the upper-division courses used to satisfy requirements D and E must be taken from one of the following modules: Psychology 110–119 (Research Methodologies), 120–129 (General Psychology), 130–139 (Perception and Sensory Processes), 140–149 and 150–159 (Learning and Cognition and Language Sciences combined), 160–169 (Cognitive Neuroscience), and 170–179 (Interdisciplinary Studies).	
3. Certain courses offered in the School of Biological Sciences and the School of Social Ecology may be used in partial satisfaction of this requirement. A total of three of these courses (12 units) may be used in this way with a maximum of two from either of these Schools.	
Psychology and Social Behavior courses that do not overlap with Psychology courses may be used along with PSY BEH 193E (same as CRM/LAW C105) and BIO SCI D137, BIO SCI E174, BIO SCI N110, and BIO SCI N159.	
4. No more than three of the courses (each of four or more units) may be numbered 190–199.	

NOTE: Psychology majors are strongly encouraged to take BIO SCI 35 toward satisfaction of the science and technology portion of the general education requirement (category II). Furthermore, it is strongly recommended that students who intend to pursue post-baccalaureate work in psychology take the PSYCH 112A-PSYCH 112BW-PSYCH 112C sequence. Most psychology graduate programs require statistics (which, at UCI, may be satisfied by taking PSYCH 10A-PSYCH 10B-PSYCH 10C or SOC SCI 10A-SOC SCI 10B-SOC SCI 10C), but some require calculus (which, at UCI, may be satisfied by taking MATH 2A-MATH 2B).

General

Freshman		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 9A	PSYCH 9B	PSYCH 9C
General Education	General Education	General Education
General Education	General Education	General Education
	SOC SCI 3A	Intro. Soc. Sci. course
Sophomore		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 10A	PSYCH 10B	PSYCH 10C
Psych. Core course ¹	Psych. Core course ¹	Psych. Core course ¹
Intro. Soc. Sci. course	General Education	General Education
General Education	General Education	General Education
Junior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
Psych. Core course ¹	General Education	U-D Psych. course ¹
Module ²	Module ²	Module ²
Experimental ³	Electives	Electives
Electives	U-D Psych. course	Electives
Senior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
U-D Psych. course	U-D Psych. course	Electives
PSYCH 199	PSYCH 199	Electives
Electives	Electives	Electives
Electives	Electives	Electives

¹ Psychology core course, an upper-division course with the ending number "0."

² Select three courses from one module sequence: Psychology 110–119 (Research Methodologies), 120–129 (General Psychology), 130–139 (Perception and Sensory Processes), 140–149 and 150–159 (Learning and Cognition and Language Sciences combined), 160–169 (Cognitive Neuroscience), and 170–179 (Interdisciplinary Studies).

³ For Experimental course select one course and lab course: PSYCH 112A, PSYCH 112M, PSYCH 112R.

Sample Program — Graduate School Track

Freshman		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 9A	PSYCH 9B	PSYCH 9C
HUMAN 1A	HUMAN 1B	HUMAN 1C
HUMAN 1AS	HUMAN 1BS	HUMAN 1CS
MATH 2A	MATH 2B	STATS 7

Sophomore		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 10A	PSYCH 10B	PSYCH 10C
Psych. Core course ¹	Psych. Core course ¹	Psych. Core course ¹
Intro. Soc. Sci. course	Intro. Soc. Sci. course	General Education
1 Computer Tech. course	General Education	General Education
		* Apply to honors in spring
Junior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 112A	PSYCH 112BW	PSYCH 112C
Psych. Core course ¹	U-D Psych. course	U-D Psych. course
General Education	General Education	General Education
General Education	General Education	General Education
Senior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 199	PSYCH 199	PSYCH H101C
Electives	Electives	Electives
Electives	Electives	Electives
Electives	Electives	Electives

¹ Psychology core course, an upper-division course with the ending number "0."

Sample Program — Transfer Psychology Track

Junior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 10A	PSYCH 10B	PSYCH 10C
1 Computer Tech. course	Psych. Core course ¹	Psych. Core course ¹
Psych. Core course ¹	U-D Psych. course	U-D Writing course
Senior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
U-D Psych. course	U-D Psych. course	U-D Psych. course
Experimental ²	Psych. Core course ¹	U-D Psych. course
U-D Psych. course	Electives	Electives
Electives	Electives	Electives

¹ Psychology core course, an upper-division course with the ending number "0."

² For the Experimental course, select one course and lab course: PSYCH 112A, PSYCH 112M, PSYCH 112R.

Honors Program in Psychology and Cognitive Sciences

The Honors Program in Psychology and Cognitive Sciences is an advanced educational and research program for outstanding undergraduate students in these two majors.

The program emphasizes advanced competence in scientific research, and allows participants the opportunity to pursue advanced work in independent research, in addition to earning honors upon graduation. While the program is designed for students who are interested in pursuing graduate study or seeking challenging research experiences as a capstone to their undergraduate experience, all Psychology and Cognitive Sciences majors who meet the minimum eligibility requirements are welcome to apply.

The program has a limited number of openings and seeks to attract outstanding students who plan to undertake postgraduate education in some field of cognitive/psychological sciences.

Students with junior standing are required to identify a faculty advisor and a research project, and submit a formal application in spring quarter prior to the start of the senior year. To qualify for the honors program, the students must meet the GPA requirement (3.2 within their major), provide an analytical writing sample, and submit a one-page research plan. In addition, a letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor who agrees to oversee the proposed research must be provided.

Students who participate in the program are expected to enroll in the Honor Seminar series (COGS H101A-COGS H101B-COGS H101C/PSYCH H101A-PSYCH H101B-PSYCH H101C). Honors students must successfully complete a senior honors thesis and present their research as part of the course work.

The honors seminar series may be used to satisfy three of the courses required under requirement E (seven additional courses with an emphasis in psychology) of the B.A. in Psychology major, requirement G (four courses with an emphasis in psychology) of the B.S. in Psychology major, and under requirement E (upper-division core electives) of the B.S. in Cognitive Sciences major.

Sample Program - Honors in Cognitive Sciences

Freshman		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 9A	PSYCH 9B	PSYCH 9C
MATH 2A	MATH 2B	Science course (C)
Science course (C)	Science course (C)	General Education
General Education	General Education	Elective
Sophomore		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 10A	PSYCH 10B	PSYCH 10C
COGS 14P	Science course (C)	COGS 109
Science course (C)	General Education	Science course (C)
General Education	Core course (D)	General Education
Junior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
Core course (D)	Research Methods (B)	Core course (D)
Core elective (E)	Core elective (E)	Core elective (E)
COGS 107	COGS 106	COGS 108
Research Methods (B)	Elective	Elective
Senior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
COGS H101A	COGS H101B	COGS H101C
Research Methods (B)	Elective	Elective
Core elective (E)	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective

Sample Program - Honors in Psychology, B.S.

Freshman		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 9A	PSYCH 9B	PSYCH 9C
LPS 31	Science course	Science course
Science course	General Education	General Education
General Education	Elective	Elective
Sophomore		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 10A	PSYCH 10B	PSYCH 10C
Computer Tech Requirement	Additional Science course	Psych Module
Additional Science course	General Education	Additional Science course
General Education	Core course	General Education
Junior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
Core course	Research Methods	Core course
Elective	Core course	Psych Module
Research Methods	Psych Module	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective
Senior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH H101A	PSYCH H101B	PSYCH H101C
Research Methods	Elective	Additional Psych Course
Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective

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Freshman		
Fall	Winter	Spring
PSYCH 9A	PSYCH 9B	PSYCH 9C
General Education	General Education	General Education

General Education

General Education
SOC SCI 3A

General Education
Intro. Soc. Sci. course

Sophomore

Fall
Intro. Statistics
Psych. Core course
Intro. Soc. Sci. course
General Education

Winter
Intro. Statistics
Psych. Core course
General Education
General Education

Spring
Intro. Statistics
Psych. Core course
General Education
General Education

Junior

Fall
Psych. Core course
Psych. Module
Research Methods
Elective

Winter
General Education
Psych. Module
Elective
U-D Psych. course

Spring
U-D Psych. course
Psych. Module
Elective
Elective

Senior

Fall
PSYCH H101A
U-D Psych. course
Elective
Elective

Winter
PSYCH H101B
U-D Psych. course
Elective
Elective

Spring
PSYCH H101C
Elective
Elective
Elective

- Cognitive Sciences, B.S.
- Cognitive Sciences, Ph.D.
- Hearing and Speech Sciences, Minor
- Psychology, B.S.
- Psychology, Minor