

Psychology Major

(12 ½ units)

Twelve and ½ units consisting of 4 ½ units of required core courses, 5 units of electives in the department, and 3 units of electives outside the department. The core courses ensure that each student has a thorough understanding of key issues and concepts in the discipline, as well as methods used by research psychologists. Electives in the department, drawn from 1.b.-1.f., ensure that each student will complete a survey course in each of the primary subfields of psychology and an advanced course in one of the primary subfields. Electives outside the department, drawn from 2.a.-2.c., ensure that each student explores other disciplines that investigate questions about mind and behavior, as well as career opportunities related to psychology.

- 1) Nine and ½ departmental units (at least 6 ½ of which must be taken at Beloit):
 - a) Core courses: Psychology 100, 150, 200, 300, and ½ unit of either 320 or 330 or 1 unit of 380.
 - b) Developmental psychology: 1 unit from Psychology 210, 215, or 225.
 - c) Experimental psychology: 1 unit from Psychology 230, 235, or 240.
 - d) Clinical and personality psychology: 1 unit from Psychology 250 or 252.
 - e) Social and cultural psychology: 1 unit from Psychology 260 or 265.
 - f) Advanced topics: 1 unit from Psychology 310, 315, 355, 360, or 385.
- 2) Supporting courses (3 units):
 - a) One unit in the biological or chemical aspects of behavior, chosen in consultation with the major advisor.
 - b) One unit in philosophical or sociocultural approaches to issues relevant to psychologists, chosen in consultation with the major advisor.
 - c) One unit in an area related to the student's future career plans, chosen in consultation with the major advisor.
 - d) Writing/communication requirement: The department of psychology recognizes the importance of oral and written communication and helps its students develop these skills within a disciplinary context. Students in psychology courses learn to read and interpret the results of psychological studies. They also learn to

report the results of psychological studies, orally and in written form. Indeed, one required course—Psychology 200, Research Methods and Design—is devoted, in part, to teaching students how to write research reports in a professional style dictated by the American Psychological Association. Students refine and continue to apply their skills in the specialized, upper-level courses in the major as they report on the critical literature in the field and the results of their own research.