

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR (B.S.)

Understanding how people think, perceive, and interact with others and with the world around them is a major component of the 21st century world. The discipline of psychology – the scientific study of human mind and behavior – provides a core understanding of these areas, as well as how behavior is influenced by factors at the level of individuals and groups, including developmental factors and identities such as gender, culture, and disability status. Whether in its increasingly crucial role in innovations in health, technology, and consumer decision-making, or in its ever-present relevance to mental health and lives lived amid rapid societal change, psychology provides students with an evergreen toolbox of skills for navigating the contemporary world as human beings and business leaders.

For further information about degree requirement policies and guidelines, see the Degree Requirements (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/) page.

Major Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Select one course from Knowledge Area 1 (Sociocultural):		3
PSY 230	Positive Psychology	
PSY 235	Social Psychology	
PSY 240	Cross-Cultural Psychology	
PSY 245	Gender Psychology	
Select one course from Knowledge Area 2 (Mind and Development):		3
PSY 200	Pioneers in Psychology	
PSY 205	Adult Development and Aging	
PSY 210	Dynamics of Personality	
PSY 215	Psychological Diagnoses and Mental Health	
Select one course from Knowledge Area 3 (Health and Wellbeing):		3
PSY 250	Health Psychology	
PSY 260	Understanding Learning Differences and Disabilities	
PSY 265	Psychology of Self	
Select a Research Capstone:		3
PSY 401	Directed Study in Psychology	
PSY 402	Seminar in Psychology	
PSY 421	Internship in Psychology	
Select two or three Psychology Electives (not already completed for the major):		6 to 9
PSY 200	Pioneers in Psychology	
PSY 205	Adult Development and Aging	
PSY 210	Dynamics of Personality	
PSY 215	Psychological Diagnoses and Mental Health	
PSY 230	Positive Psychology	
PSY 235	Social Psychology	
PSY 240	Cross-Cultural Psychology	
PSY 245	Gender Psychology	
PSY 250	Health Psychology	

PSY 260	Understanding Learning Differences and Disabilities	
PSY 265	Psychology of Self	
PSY 300	Child Psychology	
PSY 310	Minds, Machines, and the Future of Work	
PSY 315	Cyber Psychology	
PSY 330	Nonverbal Behavior and Judging Others	
PSY 350	Environmental Psychology	
PSY 355	Behavioral Health: Natural Disaster Zones	
PSY 360	Sports Psychology	
PSY 399	Experimental Course in Psychology	
PSY 401	Directed Study in Psychology	
PSY 402	Seminar in Psychology	
PSY 415	Special Topics in Psychology	
PSY 421	Internship in Psychology	
Select two or three Interdisciplinary Electives:		6 to 9
CS 180	Programming Fundamentals	
EC 370	Behavioral and Experimental Economics	
EMS 393	Intercultural Communication	
GLS 114	Cross-Cultural Understanding	
ID 211	Sex, Gender, and Power	
MA 214	Intermediate Applied Statistics	
MA 252	Regression Analysis	
MA 346	Data Science	
MG 228	Managing Diversity in the Workplace	
MG 240	Interpersonal Relations in Management	
MG 242	Emotional Intelligence at Work	
MK 321	Consumer Behavior	
NAS 314	Human Nutrition: From Science to Life	
NAS 316	Human Health and Disease in Today's World	
PH 270	Consciousness and Experience	
PH 271	Other Minds	
PH 272	Perception and Perspectives	
SO 271	Self, Diversity and Society	
XD 375	Prototyping & Concept Development	
XD 386	Investigations in Experience Design	
Total Credits		27

General Degree Requirements Foundations for Success (15 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
FDS 100	Falcon Discovery Seminar	3
Communications and Writing		
Select one from:		
EMS 101	Critical Reading and Writing	3
or EMS 101L	Critical Reading and Writing with Lab	
or EMS 102	Critical Reading and Writing for Multilingual Students	
or EMS 102L	Critical Reading and Writing for Multilingual Students with Lab	
And one from:		
EMS 104	Multimodal Communication	3

or EMS 105	Multimodal Communication for Multilingual Students	
Information Technology		
CS 100	Solving Business Problems with Information Technology	3
Mathematical Sciences		
Select one from:		
MA 105	Mathematical Foundations for Business	3
or MA 105L	Mathematical Foundations for Business with Lab	
or MA 107	Applied Calculus for Business	
or MA 107L	Applied Calculus for Business with Lab	
or MA 131	Calculus I	
or MA 131L	Calculus I with Lab	
Total Credits		15

Context and Perspectives (18 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
Students must take six courses, one in each category of Context and Perspectives:		
	Culture, Change, and Behavior (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#culturechangeandbehavior)	
	Globalization (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#globalization)	
	Institutions and Power (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#institutionsandpower)	
	Race, Gender, and Inequality (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#racegenderandinequality)	
	Scientific Inquiry (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#scientificinquiry)	
	Values, Ethics, and Society (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#valuesethicsandsociety)	
Total Credits		18

Business Dynamics/Business Administration Minor (18 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
All courses are required:		
AC 115	Introduction to Financial Reporting and Analysis	3
EC 111	Principles of Microeconomics	3
FI 118	Introduction to Finance	3
LA 100	Business Law	3
MG 116	Human Dynamics in Organizations	3
ST 113	Business Statistics	3
Total Credits		18

Communication Intensive

All students are required to take a three-credit course designated as a Communication Intensive. This requirement can be met within a variety of course subjects in both Arts & Sciences and Business. Communication Intensive courses are designated with a "Communication Intensive"

course tag in Workday. *Transfer students with a minimum of 30 credits will be waived from the Communication Intensive requirement.*

Please note that certain majors have an additional three-credit Communication Intensive built into their major requirements, separate from the general CI requirement.

Additional Requirements

Unrestricted Electives (42 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
Select 14 elective courses		42
Total Credits		42

Total: 120 Credits