B.A. OR B.S. IN PSYCHOLOGY

Overview

The major in psychology requires 33 credit hours in PSY courses. AP Credit for Statistics (i.e., PSY 292) cannot count toward the psychology major. Students who declare the psychology major after they transfer credit for PSY 292 or complete PSY 292 can use PSY 292 as a substitute for PSY 291.

Only 6 credit hours of the following may count toward the psychology major:

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All psychology majors who pursue a B.A. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete a minor from the list of acceptable minors published by the College.

All psychology majors who pursue a B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete a minor in Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Geological Sciences, Marine Science, Mathematics, Microbiology and Immunology, or Physics.

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Other Requirements

- Students must earn a minimum grade of C- in a PSY course to count it toward the psychology major.
- Students must have a minimum 2.8 combined, UM, and psychology GPA to declare the psychology major.
- Students are strongly advised not to continue with the psychology major if they have less than a 2.5 psychology GPA after 15 completed credit hours in psychology.
- Students must earn a minimum 2.3 psychology GPA and a minimum of 120 credit hours to graduate with the psychology major.
- Students must complete at least half of their psychology major in residence, including all 300, 400, and 500 level PSY courses.
- Only 6 PSY credit hours at the 300, 400, and 500 level may be taken through a UM Study Abroad Program with prior written approval.
- Students completing a B.S. in Psychology must complete a minor in one of the following programs: Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Geological Sciences, Marine Sciences, Mathematics, Microbiology & Immunology, or Physics. Students who complete a second major in one of the mentioned fields are not required to complete a minor.

Suggested Plan of Study - BA

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### Mission

In accordance with the goals of the University of Miami, the mission of the Department of Psychology is to acquire, advance, and disseminate knowledge within the psychological and biobehavioral sciences. In order to achieve these goals, the Department seeks a balance among several academic endeavors, including basic scientific research, applied research, undergraduate teaching, graduate teaching, professional training and development, and service to the community. In pursuing these activities, the Department seeks to attract and retain the highest quality faculty and students, foster respect for differences among people, nurture curiosity, and insist upon high standards of thought, study, and communication that should characterize the ethical, educated person.

### Goals

In its undergraduate program, the Department seeks to provide students with exposure to, and a fundamental understanding of, the psychological sciences and related skills. Upon graduation, psychology majors will be able to apply this foundation to a variety of careers including business, law, human resources, and medicine. A psychology major will also prepare students for careers in psychology that do not require an advanced degree. The program seeks to deliver an integrative educational experience by promoting interactions among faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students in basic and applied psychological inquiry, advising, mentoring, and community outreach.

#### Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will develop a fundamental knowledge base in psychology as a scientific discipline.
- Students will develop written communication skills related to the science of psychology.
- Students will develop research and quantitative skills through coursework and/or supervised laboratory experiences.