

FACULTY

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DEGREE PROGRAMS

- BS in Psychology
- MA - Psychology

UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

- Psychology

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The objectives of the Department of Psychology are to 1) provide all students with an understanding of psychology and what psychologists do; 2) give students (where applicable) a background in psychology that will help them do their jobs better; 3) give our terminal majors sufficient training to enhance their opportunities for vocational placement in psychology-related occupations; 4) give our majors who intend to become professional psychologists sufficient preparation to permit them to be competitive in achieving admission to and success in graduate schools.

Note: The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology is inactive.

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

Grade Requirement

Credits

A psychology major must receive a "C" or better in any psychology (PSYC) course applied to the major. Otherwise, a student must repeat the course(s) for a higher grade. Please see "Repeat Courses" in the "Undergraduate Academic Policies" section of this catalog.

PSYC 100 Introductory Psychology	3
PSYC 150 Orientation to the Psychology Major (All psychology majors must successfully complete PSYC 150 during their first year as a degree-seeking psychology major).....	1
PSYC 201 Statistics for Psychology.....	3
PSYC 224 Child Psychology	3
or	
PSYC 227 Developmental Psychology	

PSYC 242 Biopsychology	3
PSYC 310 Social Psychology	3
PSYC 320 Research Methods in Psychology (Writing Intensive in the Major Core Curriculum Requirement – CWRM)	3
PSYC 352 Psychology of Learning	3
PSYC 360 Psychology of Personality	3

In addition, psychology majors must select five elective courses as follows:

Advanced Psychological Studies

Select one of the following courses.....	3
PSYC 349 Perspectives on the Holocaust	
PSYC 350 Special Topics in Psychology	
PSYC 421 Psychology of Human Differences	
PSYC 426 Comparative Psychology	
PSYC 427 History of Psychology	
PSYC 460 Neuropsychology	
PSYC 490 Senior Seminar (Writing Intensive in the Major Core Curriculum Requirement-CWRM)	

Biobehavioral, Cognitive and Social Psychological Studies

Select one of the following courses.....	3
PSYC 230 Cross-Cultural Psychology	
PSYC 313 Industrial and Organizational Psychology	
PSYC 337 Cognitive Psychology	
PSYC 344 Drugs and Human Behavior	
PSYC 355 Behavior Analysis	
PSYC 410 Applied Social Psychology	
PSYC 440 Sensation and Perception	
PSYC 445 Psychology of Consciousness	
PSYC 474 Forensic Psychology	

Clinical Studies and Practicum and Research

Select one of the following courses.....	3
PSYC 215 Service-Learning in Psychology	
PSYC 269 Psychology of Criminal Behavior	
PSYC 370 Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 465 Health Psychology	
PSYC 470 Clinical Psychology	
PSYC 496 Personnel Practicum	
PSYC 497 Research	
PSYC 498 Clinical Practicum	
PSYC 499 Directed Study in Psychology	

Additional Electives

Any two psychology courses not already taken above 6

Cognate Requirement

One biology laboratory course from the following.....	4
BIOL 100 General Principles of Biology	
BIOL 102 Introduction to Zoology	
BIOL 121 General Biology I	

Total minimum credits: 44

Core Curriculum Requirements

A minimum of 120 earned hours is required for graduation. These earned hours include the core curriculum requirements as specified in the “Undergraduate Academic Programs” section of this catalog and at the Core Curriculum Web site, www.bridgew.edu/corecurriculum. For additional graduation requirements, see the “Undergraduate Academic Policies” section of this catalog.

DOUBLE MAJOR WITH ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students may choose a double major in psychology and elementary education, early childhood education or special education for licensure purposes. Appropriate advising materials with suggested course sequences are available.

PSYCHOLOGY MINOR

Credits

PSYC 100 Introductory Psychology	3
Five other psychology courses to fit the needs of the individual student	15
Total minimum credits:	18

HONORS PROGRAM

The honors program in psychology provides highly motivated psychology majors with opportunities to enhance their academic program through intensive scholarly study and research designed to be of assistance in postgraduate employment or in the pursuit of an advanced degree in psychology. Contact the Department of Psychology for further information concerning eligibility and application.

GRADUATE PROGRAM

MASTER OF ARTS

The Department of Psychology offers a graduate program leading to the Master of Arts in psychology. This program, which prepares the student to sit for the examination for licensure as a mental health counselor in Massachusetts, equips students to help individuals who may have a variety of behavioral, cognitive and emotional challenges. It may also serve as a steppingstone to further graduate training (PhD or PsyD).

The Master of Arts degree in psychology is a clinical program with a curriculum designed to provide a firm foundation in the understanding of human behavior and clinical disorders, as well as specific skills in psychotherapy and psychological assessment. Research methods and statistics are emphasized as essential tools for clinical professionals – e.g., in performing clinical outcome studies and program evaluations, and in staying current with the empirical literature. Students are exposed to a range of empirically supported therapeutic methods, with special empha-

sis on cognitive-behavioral techniques. Experiential learning is an essential component of the program, with 15 credits of practica and internships required.

Admission Requirements

- GRE General test scores
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate course work
- Applicants must possess an undergraduate degree in either psychology or a closely related field
- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0, above-average GRE scores and some experience in the field
- Final candidates will also receive a personal interview from the Admissions Committee

Requirements for the Degree

Students must complete a minimum of 61 approved graduate credits for the Master of Arts degree in psychology. Students must complete a written comprehensive examination before graduation.

All students will complete a minimum 46-credit academic core and 15-credit clinical core (including practicum and internship).

Grade Requirement

Students in the MA in Psychology must achieve a grade of B- or better in any courses taken which will be credited toward the degree. Students may repeat only one graduate course for which they have received a grade of B- or less.

Academic Core

First Year Courses

The following courses *must* be taken within the Department of Psychology.

Fall

PSYC 505 Research Methods and Design I	3
PSYC 509 Foundations of Clinical Practice	3
PSYC 511 Theories of Psychotherapy	3

Spring

PSYC 506 Research Methods and Design II	3
PSYC 512 Evaluation Techniques	3
PSYC 575 Psychopathology	3

Second Year Courses

First year courses must be completed before beginning second year courses.

Fall

PSYC 500 Developmental Human Psychology	3
PSYC 541 Psychotherapy: Theory and Practice I	3

Spring

PSYC 513 Psychopharmacology for Nonmedical Professionals	3
PSYC 542 Psychotherapy: Theory and Practice II	3

- **Other Program Requirements**

The following courses may be taken at any time, assuming any prerequisites have been met.

PSYC 508 Advanced Seminar	3
PSYC 516 Multicultural Counseling	3
PSYC 517 Career Information and Placement.....	3
PSYC 518 Theory and Process of Group Interaction	3

- **Seminar and Research**

All students are required to complete one of the following two courses.

PSYC 504 Research (Thesis).....	4
or	
PSYC 508 Advanced Seminar	

- **Clinical Core**

All students must complete 100 hours of practicum and 600 hours of internship.

PSYC 591 Clinical Practicum	3
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PSYC 592 Internship	
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(maximum of six credits each semester) 12

Important: Only 500-level courses will be accepted for credit in the MA program in psychology. Degree-seeking students may not transfer any second year courses into the program. Under current guidelines established by the commonwealth, students completing the program of study in psychology will be eligible (after completing the required number of post-graduate supervised clinical hours) to sit for the examination for licensure as a mental health counselor in Massachusetts.

Total minimum credits: 61