

A Guide to Complete the Psychology Major in 2 Years

Semester & Year	Psychology Core Courses	Psychology Area Courses	Psychology Elective Courses	Psychology Units
Fall Semester Junior Year	4 units (PSY 371, PSY 303)	6 units (Area 2, Area 3)	0 units	10 units
Spring Semester Junior Year	3 units (PSY 400)	6 units (Area 1, Area 2)	0 units	9 units
Fall Semester Senior Year	4 units (PSY 305, PSY 690)	3 units (Area 1)	3 units (Elective or Any Area)	10 units
Spring Semester Senior Year	0 units	3 units (Area 3)	6 units (Elective or Any Area)	9 units

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Core Requirements – MUST earn a grade C or better in each

Course	Title	Units	Completed
PSY 200	General Psychology	3	
PSY 303	Psychology: The Major and the Profession (online)	1	
PSY 305 GW	Writing in Psychology - GVAR	3	
PSY 371	Psychological Statistics	3	
PSY 400	Introduction to Research in Psychology	3	
PSY 690	Future Directions for Psychology Majors (online)	1	
Total:		14	

Areas of Study:

Area 1: Basic Psychological Processes – Choose TWO courses

Course	Title	Units	Completed
PSY 432	Cognitive Development: Language, Thinking and Perception	3	
PSY 490	Data Science		
PSY 491	Learning		
PSY 492	Perception		
PSY 493	Motivation		
PSY 494	Cognitive Psychology		
PSY 495	Human Memory		
PSY 498	Cognitive Neuroscience: Psychological Models		
PSY 531	Psycholinguistics		
PSY 581	Physiological Psychology I		
PSY 582	Physiological Psychology II		
Total:			6

Area 2: Psychological Development and Individual Differences – Choose TWO courses

Course	Title	Units	Completed
PSY 430	Adolescent Psychology	3	
PSY 431*	Developmental Psychology		
Note: Students may not take both PSY 431 and PSY 330			
PSY 433	Social, Emotional and Personality Development		
PSY 435	Developmental Psychopathology		
PSY 436	The Development of Femaleness and Maleness (4 Units)		
PSY 442	Health Psychology		
PSY 451	Theories of Personality		
PSY 452	Clinical Psychopathology		
PSY 521	Introduction to Clinical Psychology		
Total:		6	

Area 3: Social, Cultural, Organizational and Community Contexts – Choose TWO courses

Course	Title	Units	Completed	
PSY 440	Social Psychology	3		
PSY 441	The Psychology of the Family			
PSY 455	Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Psychology			
PSY 456	Psychology of Human Sexual Behavior			
PSY 461	Introduction to Industrial/Organizational Psychology			
PSY 462	Personnel Psychology			
PSY 463	Human Factors			
PSY 464	Psychology of Career Pursuit			
PSY 465	The Psychology of Work Life Stress			
PSY 466	Training and Development in Organizations			
PSY 472	Introduction to Legal Psychology			
PSY 474	Psychology of Social Justice			
PSY 475	Psychology of Policing			
PSY 525	Community Psychology			
PSY 540	Decision Making: A Perspective from Social Psychology			
PSY 547	Social Conflict and Conflict Resolution			
PSY 558/ PSY 559	Field Services Seminar (2)/ Psychological Field Service (1-3)			
PSY 645	Group Processes			
Total:			6	

A total of THREE courses can be used as electives from any of the previously listed areas or the following list:

Course	Title	Units	Completed
PSY 300	Current Issues in Psychology	3	
PSY 320	Sex and Relationships		
PSY 450	Variations in Human Sexuality		
PSY 443	The Science of Happiness		
PSY 571	Intermediate Statistics		
PSY 601	Theoretical Backgrounds in Psychology		
PSY 668	The Psychology of Leadership		
PSY 680	Peer Advising in Psychology		
PSY 685	Projects in the Teaching of Psychology		
PSY 693	Proseminar I		
PSY 694	Proseminar II		
PSY 697	Senior Project Preparation		
PSY 698	Senior Project in Psychology		
PSY 699	Independent Study in Psychology (1-4)		
Total:			9

Total units for the major: 41

All SF State students are required to fulfill 12 units of complementary studies. For the Psychology major, these 12 units may be any 4 courses outside of the PSY prefix