

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

The Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology

63+ credit hours overall: 48 hours in psychology classes, 15+ in science and mathematics coursework

Requirements for students who entered the College Fall of 2012 and thereafter

We believe that a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology is an excellent undergraduate liberal arts degree. It is designed for students who plan to complete graduate training in the field of Psychology, in particular, at the doctoral level. Additionally, the degree also would effectively prepare those students who plan to work in empirical research-based positions immediately following completion of their undergraduate degree.

The Bachelor of Science degree requires you to take a variety of foundational classes in the field as well as more specialized classes at the advanced level. Because Psychology is an empirically-based scientific discipline, we also ask you to complete methodological and scientific course work within and outside of the major. That is, we ask you to complete 12 hours of statistical and methodology coursework in the major along with advanced classes in the Mathematics department.

To ensure that you effectively matriculate through the major, we ask that you review with your advisor the following requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Psychology (Students: Please initial each point as you discuss these requirements with your advisor):

I understand that I must complete Psyc 103 Introduction to Psychological Science, as it serves as a prerequisite for every other psychology course in the major

I understand that I must complete 6hrs of 200-level methodology coursework in the major. Psyc 250 Psychological Statistics and Research Methods (6-hr course) is strongly recommended regarding fulfilling this requirement. (Note: Psyc 211 Psychological Statistics and Psyc 220 Research Methods may be used to fulfill this requirement)

I understand that Psyc 250 should be completed early in my major – it provides an excellent background for all other courses in the major and is required for most upper-division courses

I understand that Psyc 250 is a 6-hour course, that it meets daily, and is designed for students who are prepared to study at a fast pace. I also understand that it is recommended that students complete a least one of their math courses before taking this class

I understand that I must complete 3 classes from Core A: Psyc 213-216 (in any order). We **do not** recommend that you take all 3 of these courses at the same time:

Psyc 213 Conditioning and Learning

Psyc 214 Behavioral Neuroscience

Psyc 215 Cognitive Psychology

Psyc 216 Sensation and Perception

I understand that I must complete 3 classes from Core B: Psyc 221-224 (in any order). We **do not** recommend that you take all 3 of these courses at the same time:

Psyc 221 Abnormal Psychology

Psyc 222 Psychology of Personality

Psyc 223 Social Psychology

Psyc 224 Lifespan Development

___ I understand that I must complete 15 elective hours in Psychology at the 200- level and above, 9 hours of which must be taken at the Psyc 351 or higher level

___ I understand that most courses at the Psyc 351 and above level have prerequisites which include, but are not limited to: Psyc 103 and Psyc 250 (or Psyc 211 & 220)

___ I understand that I must complete Psyc 390 Research Design and Interpretation, and that Psyc 250 (or Psyc 211 & 220) is a prerequisite for this course

___ I understand that I must complete one course from the Psyc 46x series (listed below), and that Psyc 250 (or Psyc 211 & 220) is a required prerequisite along with the lower-level content course:

Psyc 460 Advanced Conditioning and Learning with Lab

Psyc 466 Advanced Sensation and Perception with Lab

Psyc 462 Advanced Social Psychology with Lab

Psyc 468 Advanced Cognitive Psychology with Lab

Psyc 464 Advanced Behavioral Neuroscience with Lab

Psyc 469 Advanced Developmental Psychology with Lab

___ I understand that to fulfill my Psychology natural science requirement I must successfully complete 8 hrs of an introductory or higher sequence in either Biology, Chemistry, or Physics, of which 2 hrs must be earned in the accompanying laboratories. (These courses may also be used to fulfill my general education natural science requirement.)

___ I understand that to fulfill my Psychology mathematics requirement I must successfully complete Math 111 Pre-calculus or Math 120 Introductory Calculus (or Honors Math equivalents), and Math 250 Statistical Methods I (these courses may also be used to fulfill my general education math requirement).

___ I understand that if I opt to take courses at another institution and have these credits transfer to the College of Charleston, I must have these courses approved by the Registrar's Office before I enroll in them

___ I understand that at least 15 hours in the major at the 200-level or above must be earned at the College of Charleston

___ I understand that it is my responsibility to enroll in classes in a timely fashion, and that if I do not do this, my graduation date may be extended