

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL & BRAIN SCIENCES

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PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR & HUB REQUIREMENTS
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 18/19 AND AFTER
(EXCLUDING TRANSFER STUDENTS)

1. PS 101 or a score of 4 or 5 on the AP Psychology Exam. _____
2. Design and Statistics Requirement _____
(PS 211 (Exp Dsgn), PS/NE 212 (Intro to Matlab) or MA 115 and MA 116 (Stats I & Stats II).
PS 211 and PS/NE 212 do not count toward principal psychology courses)
3. Nine Principal Psychology Courses:
PS 231: Physiological Psychology. _____
Please note:
 - NE 101 (Introduction to Neuroscience) will count in place of PS 231 (Physiological Psychology) if a student took NE 101 prior to declaring their psychology major, or was a previous neuroscience major who switched to psychology, or is a current neuroscience/psychology double major.
 - All students who are psychology majors, and do not fall into one of the categories above, need to take PS231.
 - Students **will not** be awarded credit for both courses. Students may receive credit for PS 231 or NE 101, but not both.

Eight Additional Principal Courses (Four or more must be selected from the 300 level or above)

The choice of principal courses must include at least two courses from each of the broad content groups listed below.

Group A

PS 222 Perception
PS 234 Psychology of Learning
PS 333 Drugs and Behavior
PS 336 Intro to Cognitive Psychology
PS 337 Systems of the Brain
PS 338 Neuropsychology
PS 339 Cognitive Neuroscience

Group B

PS 241 Developmental Psychology
PS 251 Psychology of Personality
PS 261 Social Psychology
PS 370 Psychology of Family
PS 371 Psychopathology (formerly Abnormal Psych)

1. (PS)_____
2. (PS)_____
3. (PS)_____
4. (PS)_____
5. *Experimental _____
6. (PS 300+)_____
7. (PS 300+)_____
8. (PS 300+)_____

***Experimental Courses:**

PS 323 (Learning), PS 324 (Developmental), PS 325 (Personality), PS 326 (Social), PS 327 (Perception), PS 328 (Memory & Cognition), PS 329 (Cognitive Neuroscience). **Please note that students will not receive credit for more than one of the following experimental psychology courses: PS 324, PS 325, PS 326.**

For a list of all psychology courses, please visit our website at <https://www.bu.edu/psych/undergraduate/courses/>

The completion of a minimum of 128 academic units are required for graduation.

BU Hub Requirements

Students are required to complete 26 requirements. Some examples of courses that will satisfy BU Hub requirements are listed next to each Hub area below. A comprehensive list of all courses that will satisfy BU Hub requirements are listed on the BU Hub website at <http://www.bu.edu/hub/students-the-hub/hub-courses/>. Please note that some psychology courses (highlighted below) will count toward both BU Hub and major/minor requirements and some courses will satisfy several Hub requirements (e.g. PS 231 counts for Social Inquiry I, Scientific Inquiry I, and Critical Thinking). Advanced Credit Exams can also earn Hub requirement(s). To see which Advanced Credit Exams carry Hub requirements, please visit the admissions website at www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/faqs-helpful-forms/advanced-credit/.

1. Philosophical, Aesthetic, and Historical Interpretation (3 requirements)

- Philosophical Inquiry and Life's Meanings (1 requirement) (e.g. CC 202, PH 150, PH 266, RN 100, SED ED 110)
- Aesthetic Exploration (1 requirement) (e.g. AH 220, AH 325, CC101, EN 121, EN 130, EN 170, EN 221, CFA AR 121)
- Historical Consciousness (1 requirement) (e.g. AH 325, CC 211, CI 387, HI 190, LX 205, **PS251**)

2. Scientific and Social Inquiry (3 requirements)

- Social Inquiry I (1 requirement) (e.g. CC 112, LX 110, **PS 101, PS 231, PS 234, PS 241, PS251, PS261**)
- Scientific Inquiry I (1 requirement) (e.g. AS 100, BI 107, CC 111, **PS 222, PS 231, PS 234**)
- Social or Scientific Inquiry II (1 requirement) (e.g. BI 108, CC 211, CC 212, **PS 211**, NE 102, SO 306)

3. Quantitative Reasoning (2 requirements)

- Quantitative Reasoning I (1 requirement) (e.g. AS 100, BI 107, CC 111, **PS 211, PS 212**)
- Quantitative Reasoning II (1 requirement) (e.g. BI 108, CC 212, CS 101, CS 103, CS 111, MA 115, **MA 116**)

4. Diversity, Civic Engagement, and Global Citizenship (4 requirements)

- The Individual in Community (1 requirement) (e.g. HI 190, [all 1st-4th semester language courses L-111, L-112, L-211, L-212], **PS 261**, LX 110, SO 306, WS 200, CFA AR 121, CFA AR 369, SED ED 110)
- Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy (2 requirements) (e.g. AH 220, CC101, CC 112, CI 387, EN 121, LX 205, L- 212 [All 4th semester language courses], RN 100, CFA AR 369)
- Ethical Reasoning (1 requirement) (e.g. CC 202, EN 130, NE 102, PH 150, **PS 101**)

5. Communication (6 requirements)

- First-Year Writing Seminar (1 requirement) (e.g. CC 102, EN 120, WR 120)
- Writing, Research & Inquiry (1 requirement) (e.g. CC 201, WR 151, WR 152)
- Writing Intensive (2 requirements) (e.g. CC 202, CC 211, CI 387, EN 221, EN 379, NE 102, PH 266, **PS 324, PS 325, PS 326, PS 329**, COM CO 201)
- Oral and/or Signed Communication (1 requirement) (e.g. CC102, EN 379, WR 151, COM CO 201)
- Digital/Multimedia Expression (1 requirement) (e.g. CC 220, CS 101, CS 103, EN 170, WR 152, WS 200)

6. Intellectual Toolkit (8 requirements)

- Critical Thinking (2 requirements) (e.g. BI 107, BI 108, CC 112, CC 212, CS 111, PH 150, PH 266, **PS 101, PS 212, PS 222, PS 231, PS 234, PS 241, PS251, PS261**)
- Research and Information Literacy (2 requirements) (e.g. AH 220, BI 107, CC 201, EN 121, LX 110, **PS 324, PS 325, PS 326, PS 329**, WR 151, WR 152, COM CO 201)
- Teamwork/Collaboration (2 requirements) (e.g. AH 325, AS 100, BI 108, CC 111, HI 190, LX 205, NE 102, **PS 324, PS 325, PS 326, PS 329**, SO 306)
- Creativity/Innovation (2 requirements) (e.g. CC 101, CS 111, EN 170, RN 100, CFA AR 121, CFA AR 369)

More Hub Experiences

- Cross-College Challenge (XCC), Cocurricular Learning Experiences, and Life Skills. For information on these experiences, please visit: <https://www.bu.edu/hub/specialty-courses/>.

CAS Language Requirement

- Students must complete through the fourth-level of the same language.