

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

The Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology

47+ credit hours overall: 33 hours in psychology classes, 14+ in science and mathematics coursework

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

We believe that a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology is an excellent undergraduate liberal arts degree. It is designed for students who think that psychology will play an important role in preparing them for their future occupational goals in areas such as: nursing, occupational and physical therapy, social work, education, business, etc.

The Bachelor of Arts 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 coursework both within and outside of the major.

To ensure that you effectively matriculate through the major, we ask that you review with your advisor the following requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree 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 Psyc 211 Psychological Statistics and Psyc 220 Research Methods

I understand that Psyc 211 is a prerequisite for Psyc 220. Both courses should be completed early in my major – they provide an excellent background for all other courses in the major and are required for most upper-division courses

I also understand that it is recommended that students complete a least one of their math courses before taking Psyc 211

I understand that I must complete at least 2 classes from Core A: Psyc 213-216 (in any order):

Psyc 213 Conditioning and Learning

Psyc 214 Behavioral Neuroscience

Psyc 215 Cognitive Psychology

Psyc 216 Sensation and Perception

I understand that I must complete at least 2 classes from Core B: Psyc 221-224 (in any order):

Psyc 221 Abnormal Psychology

Psyc 222 Psychology of Personality

Psyc 223 Social Psychology

Psyc 224 Lifespan Development

- ___ I understand that I must complete 12 elective hours in psychology at the 200- level and above, 6 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, Psyc 211 and Psyc 220 (or Psyc 250)
- ___ 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 6 hrs of math classes at the level of Math 104 and above (with the exception of Math 140). Honors math courses also fulfill this requirement as long as they are calculus classes or have calculus as a prerequisite. (Math and Honors math courses may also be used to fulfill my general education math requirement.)
- ___ I understand that I would be better prepared for my methodology coursework in Psychology (Psyc 211 and Psyc 220) if I have completed one or more of my math courses prior to enrolling in these Psychology classes
- ___ 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
- ___ I have discussed the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree versus a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, and I am aware that if I change from a BA degree to a BS degree in Psychology, there will be different course requirements that I will need to complete