

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

PROSPECTUS

The Field

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. As a field, psychology aims to advance our understanding of why and how people act and think the way they do. Psychologists are trained in three major areas – 1) the understanding of theories that govern human phenomena; 2) the design, assessment, and interpretation of scientific research, including quantitative and qualitative studies, and 3) the application of psychological expertise on human behavior and thinking in clinical, educational, industrial, community, and other professional settings.

Why UOG?

The Psychology Program at UOG provides students with the rigor and care necessary for understanding the complexities of human beings. Students are provided with strong training in the core areas of the field – developmental, cognitive, social, personality, abnormal, and clinical psychology. At the same time, the program enriches these theoretical foundations with opportunities for both scientific research and hands-on practice. The diverse faculty and student body provides a scientific lens that is unique to Guam and the Micronesian region, while also international in scope. This ensures that our graduates are competitive in local, regional, and international landscapes.

Career Possibilities

Psychology graduates pursue careers in mental health and social services, child and family services, substance abuse counseling, residential care, rehabilitation, case management, and more. Many psychology majors also continue on to graduate study.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Each Program Learning Outcome is matched with Institutional Learning Outcomes it supports.

Upon completion of a major in psychology, students will demonstrate the ability to:

- 1. Develop a working knowledge of psychology's major subfields using key concepts, principles, and theories in psychological science.**
 - Mastery of critical thinking and problem solving
 - An appreciation of the arts and sciences
- 2. Design psychological research that incorporates sociocultural factors in scientific research practices.**
 - Mastery of critical thinking and problem solving
 - Understanding and appreciation of culturally diverse people, ideas, and values in a democratic context
 - An appreciation of the arts and sciences
 - Mastery of quantitative analysis
- 3. Employ ethical standards in research and practice with interpersonal and intercultural responsiveness.**
 - Understanding and appreciation of culturally diverse people, ideas, and values in a democratic context
 - Responsible use of knowledge, natural resources, and technology
 - Effective oral and written communication
- 4. Demonstrate competence in communication, information, and technological literacy.**
 - Responsible use of knowledge, natural resources, and technology
 - Mastery of quantitative analysis
 - Effective oral and written communication
- 5. Exhibit effective personal and professional development skills.**
 - An appreciation of the arts and sciences
 - An interest in personal development and lifelong learning

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (53-54 CREDIT HOURS)

Students must receive a grade of “C” or better in any course to be credited toward completion of the Psychology major. This requirement applies only to the 42 credits counted specifically toward completion of Psychology major requirements. It does not apply to General Education courses or to generic electives.

AP Psychology Exam: A score of 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Psychology Exam will earn credit for PY-101 General Psychology (3 credits)

Required Courses (38-39 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY101	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PY210	INTRODUCTION TO EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY210L	INTRODUCTION TO EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY LABORATORY	1	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY370	INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY413	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY413L	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES LAB	1	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY404	COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PY420	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PY426	PERSONALITY THEORY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY440	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY492A	PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICUM	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY492B	PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICUM	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS

Choice of:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY201	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY202	ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS

Choice of:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
MA385	APPLIED STATISTICS	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MA387	STATISTICS FOR SCIENCES	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MA387L	STATISTICS FOR SCIENCE LABORATORY	1	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PY310	STATISTICS FOR THE SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PY310L	STATISTICS FOR THE SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES LABORATORY	1	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS

Elective Courses (15 credit hours)

At least 15 hours of any Psychology course. Six hours of these must be 400-level [Psychology \(PY\) courses](#).

General Education (Recommended Courses)

See the [Student Advisement Sheet](#) of General Education Requirements and include under:

Tier II: Direction Building (7 credit hours)

1) CF, DF, or UU as a prerequisite (can be within a declared major):

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY210	INTRODUCTION TO EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY210L	INTRODUCTION TO EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY LABORATORY	1	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS

2) DF or major exploration

Any DF course in [Biology \(BI\)](#), [Philosophy \(PI\)](#), [Sociology \(SO\)](#), or [Social Work \(SW\)](#) or any of the following courses:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY201	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY202	ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY426	PERSONALITY THEORY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY440	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS

Tier III – Capstone Experience

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY413	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS

PSYCHOLOGY MINOR REQUIREMENTS (22 CREDIT HOURS)

Required Courses (16 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY101	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PY210	INTRODUCTION TO EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY210L	INTRODUCTION TO EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY LABORATORY	1	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS

Choose 2 of the following:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY201	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY370	INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY404	COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PY420	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PY426	PERSONALITY THEORY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY440	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS

Choice of:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY492A	PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICUM	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY492B	PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICUM	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS

Elective Courses (6 credit hours)

Any Psychology (PY) courses.

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