

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

PROSPECTUS

The Field

As a behavioral science, and as a distinct, but integral, part of natural science, psychology links the social and biological sciences. The major areas of psychological study focus on individual human behavior conceptualized as a natural phenomenon; studied by scientific methods, including experimentation; and understood in terms of psychological theories and laws.

Relevance

The general objectives of the Psychology Program are to increase students' understanding of themselves and others, to enhance the skills of those specializing in related areas of study, and to prepare those pursuing psychology for careers. Within the Micronesian region, in particular, those educated in psychology are able to help address critical issues including drug abuse, domestic violence, and the prevention of suicide.

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.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student learning objectives for the Psychology Program are articulated with those of the American Psychological Association. Graduating students will demonstrate that they have:

1. Developed a broad and deep knowledge base in psychology;

2. Acquired and can appropriately apply knowledge of psychological research skills;
3. Acquired and can appropriately apply critical thinking skills in psychology;
4. Developed competence in making appropriate applications of psychology;
5. Acquired and can appropriately apply the values of psychology;
6. Developed competence in information and technological literacy;
7. Developed competence in communication skills;
8. Acquired and can appropriately apply sociocultural and international awareness;
9. Acquired effective personal development skills;
10. Acquired knowledge and competence in career planning and development.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (41-42 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.

Required Courses (17-18 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 |
| 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 |

Choice of:

| Course | Course Title | Credits | Term Offered |
|--------|----------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| PY492A | PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICUM | 3 | FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS |
| PY492B | PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICUM | 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 ONLY/ ALL YEARS |
| MA387L | STATISTICS FOR SCIENCE LABORATORY | 1 | FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS |

Elective Courses (24 credit hours)

At least 18 hours of upper division courses. Six hours of these must be 400-level [Psychology \(PY\) courses](#); otherwise, students may select from upper division (300- and 400-level) Psychology courses or from [BI-157/157L](#) and [BI-158/158L](#). Student must also take an additional six hours of electives selected from any non-required Psychology course.

General Education (Recommended Courses)

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

Tier II: Direction Building (9-11 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 |
|--------|--|---------|---------------------------|
| PY100 | PERSONAL ADJUSTMENT | 3 | FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS |
| PY201 | CHILD DEVELOPMENT | 3 | FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS |
| AN101 | INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY | 3 | FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS |
| WG101 | INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES | 3 | FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS |

3) DF or UU exploration outside major requirement (may apply to a minor or second major):

| Course | Course Title | Credits | Term Offered |
|--------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| BA260 | FUNDAMENTALS OF MARKETING | 3 | FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS |
| EN311 | SCREENWRITING | 3 | FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS |
| EN316 | PROFESSIONAL WRITING | 3 | FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS |
| EN319 | ADVANCED COMPOSITION | 3 | FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS |

OR any other DF course

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 (19 CREDIT HOURS)

Required Courses (7 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 |

Elective Courses (12 credit hours)

Any 200-, 300-, or 400-level [Psychology \(PY\)](#) courses, six credits of which must be at the 400 level.

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