

B.A Psychology Major

Baruch offers a 25 credit BA major in Psychology. The major requires a course in Research Methods that should be taken early in the program, breadth in the foundations of psychology (4 foundation courses), depth in a subdiscipline within psychology (1 capstone) and flexibility to take at least 2 additional courses from any category, including applied electives.

Formal declaration of a Psychology Major requires meeting with a full-time faculty advisor (see office hours of faculty to plan a meeting), who can provide advice on the appropriate course sequence for your needs and who will ‘sign off’ on your course selection.

In addition to seeking career guidance, students planning post-graduate study in Psychology should consider taking more than the required number of courses and ensure that they select courses appropriate for their desired graduate program. Students should also strongly consider gaining research and/or internship experiences before they graduate.

***Base Courses* No credit toward the major in Psychology (6 credits)**

PSY 1001: General Psychology
PSY 2100*: Statistics for Social Science

* **PREREQUISITES:** One of the following courses: MTH 1030; MTH 2003; MTH 2205; MTH 2207; MTH 2610; or any MTH course at the 3000- level or above. Neither MTH 2140 nor 2160 serves as a prereq. Students who have previously taken STA 2000 (i.e., transfer from Zicklin) may be granted permission to take this course as a substitution for PSY 2100, but PSY 2100 is preferred for all BA Majors. BIO/ENV 2100 may substitute for PSY 2100 for Ad Hoc or double majors with a Biology focus.

I. *Psychology Core*

A. Required Course (4 credits)

PSY 3001: Research Methods in Psychology

B. Foundation electives within Psychology Core (12 credits total)

You must choose at least four (4) of the following

PSY 3055: Abnormal Psychology
PSY 3056: Social Psychology
PSY 3059*: Developmental Psychology: Childhood and Adolescence
PSY 3060*: Developmental Psychology: Adulthood
PSY 3064: Personality and Individual Differences
PSY 3067**: Psychology of Motivation and Learning
PSY 3081: Cognitive Psychology
PSY 3082: Mind, Brain Behavior

* Student may take either PSY 3059 or PSY 3060 as a foundation course, but not both

** PSY 3067 replaces PSY 3065 – The Psychology of Motivation. Students who have previously taken PSY 3065 may not enroll in PSY 3067, but students who have taken PSY 3065 may use it to fulfill a Foundation course.

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C. Capstone courses (Required: 3 credits)

[non-I/O focused: Pre-reqs vary]

- PSY 4012: Evolution of Modern Psychology
- PSY 4039: Psychopathology of Childhood
- PSY 4051: Psychology of the Family
- PSY 4080: Psychology of Sensation and Perception*
- PSY 4084: Drugs, Brain and Society
- PSY 4900***: Psychological Approaches to Contemporary Problems (*Not offered every semester*)

[I/O focused: ALL require PSY 3181 Pre-req]

- PSY 4010: Diversity in the Workplace
- PSY 4013: Advanced Personnel Psychology
- PSY 4181: Advanced Organizational Psychology
- PSY 4182: Occupational Health Psychology
- PSY 4183: Psychology of Career Development and Planning
- PSY 4184: Leadership and Managerial Development
- PSY 4185: Psychology of Training and Development

[Research focused: Pre-reqs vary]

- PSY 5000: Independent Study (3 credit only)
- PSY 5050***: Advanced Research Methods
- PSY 6001H/6002H: Honors Thesis

II. Additional courses (Minimum 6 credits): Students must take at least 2 additional courses of their choosing to complete the major (they can always take more). These courses may include courses that are listed under the *Psychology Core* [A, B, C], if not otherwise used to fulfill the core requirement, but can also be courses from our *Applied Elective category* [D].

D. Applied Elective Courses

- PSY 3030: Thought and Reality (Cross-listed with PHI 3030)
- PSY 3035: Philosophy of Psychology (Cross-listed with PHI 3101)
- PSY 3036: Psychology and Culture
- PSY 3040-46: Special Topics in Psychology
- PSY 3054***: Psychology of Sleep (*Not offered every semester*)
- PSY 3057***: Psychology and Religion (*Not offered every semester*)
- PSY 3058: Small Group Processes
- PSY 3062: Psychology of Stress Management
- PSY 3063: Health Psychology
- PSY 3069: Psychology and the Law
- PSY 3071: Psychology of Gender
- PSY 3077: Positive Psychology
- PSY 3083: Psychology of Learning
- PSY 3101: Political Psychology (Cross-listed with POL 3101)
- PSY 3181: Industrial and Organizational Psychology (pre-req for ALL I/O capstones)**
- PSY 3185: Environmental Psychology
- PSY 3730: Literature and Psychology (Cross-listed with ENG 3730)
- PSY 3300: Psychology Internship (1 credit; P/F only)
- PSY 4035: Practicum in Community Psychological Services (**Pre-req: 6 credits in PSY at 3000 level + 1001; see sign-up sheet for interest/permission in the previous semester**)
- PSY 5030: Research Practicum in Psychology (P/F course; Pre-req: 3 credits in PSY + 1001 and faculty permission)

*** Offered infrequently, based on instructor availability.