PSYCHOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS

Psychology Major Requirements
(Also see Requirements for a Bachelor's Degree. (https://e-catalogue.jhu.edu/arts-sciences/full-time-residential-programs/undergraduate-policies/academic-policies/requirements-for-a-bachelors-degree/))

The courses in Psychological and Brain Sciences have four purposes:

1. to acquaint all interested students with a sampling of topics through a variety of introductory and advanced courses;
2. to prepare majors for graduate work in psychology and related disciplines through a program that meets the admission requirements of the outstanding graduate departments in the United States;
3. to offer a distribution of foundational courses in psychology as well as advanced studies representing areas in the social, behavioral, and brain sciences; and
4. to provide an honors track designed for exceptional students who want training beyond that provided by the standard undergraduate curriculum.

General Requirement
All classes taken for the major (including those for NQE credit & Honors) must be taken for a grade and be completed with a C- or better.

Specific Requirements

- **Intro Level Course Requirement:** Three 100-level psychology courses from an approved list. These are typically taken during Year 1 and Year 2.
- **Experimental Methods, Design & Analysis:** AS.200.200 Research Methods in Psychology and AS.200.201 Design & Statistical Analysis for Psychology should be taken as a two-course sequence in Fall and Spring of Year 2.
- **Upper Level Course Requirement:** Five upper level psychology courses (200- or 300-level), three of which must be at the 300-level. These are typically dispersed through Years 2-4. Courses must be at least 3 credits.
- **Small Group Experience:** 3 credits of either research, internship, independent study or an additional 300-level psychology course with an enrollment cap of 19 students or less. Students who are interested in graduate work in psychology are encouraged to get involved in research/internship activity starting in Year 2 and to continue throughout their time at Hopkins.
- **9 NQE Credits:** Students must complete 9 additional NQE credits using courses not taught within the psychology department (AS.200.XXX) and not counting otherwise toward the psychology major.

Please note that not all courses offered by the Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences (AS.200.XXX) will fulfill the requirements of the Psychology major/minor (ex. AS.200.162 Childhood Disorders & Treatments). Consult with Academic Advising and your psychology major advisor to ensure appropriate progress toward degree completion.

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1 Courses instructed within the psychology department (AS.200.XXX) or counting toward the Psychology major may not be used for this requirement.

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Five additional psychology courses distributed as follows: 2 15

Two additional courses at the 200-400 level

Three additional courses at the 300-400 level

Total Credits 35

1 The 300-level seminar course must have a maximum enrollment of 19 students. Courses used to fulfill the five upper-level course requirements may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Students may take 1-3 credits in any given semester to fulfill this requirement. All students are required to discuss their plans with their faculty advisor before junior clearance.

2 One upper level course in Cognitive Science may be used to satisfy these course credits with the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Research, independent study, and internships may not be used to satisfy these course requirements.

### Sample Program of Study

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Small Group Experience or
Independent Academic Work 3 NQE elective required for
major 3

Fourth Year
First Semester Credits Second Semester Credits
300- or 400-level Psychology 3 NQE elective required for
course major 3

3

Total Credits 44

Restrictions
No courses through the School of Education and the Carey Business
School may be counted toward the requirements for the major in
Psychological and Brain Sciences (although a limited number of such
courses may be counted toward the 120 credits required for graduation).
As most Intersession courses are graded S/U or are less than 3 credits,
they do not apply towards major requirements. Some courses offered
by Psychological & Brain Sciences taught in the summer at Hopkins do
not count toward the Psychology major or minor as they do not fit into
the requirements of the major. You may make an appointment with Dr.
Stephen Drigotas (drigotas@jhu.edu), Director of Undergraduate Advising
for Psychological & Brain Sciences, to ensure that your enrollments will
be considered toward your academic progress in the manner you intend.

Preparation for Graduate Work in Psychology
The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences provides
preparation for graduate training in all areas of psychology, including
clinical and counseling. Virtually all psychology graduate programs,
including those that provide training in clinical or counseling psychology,
expect students to have a strong background in scientific psychology,
including statistics. The department encourages students to obtain
additional practical experiences outside the classroom, including
research in a laboratory and/or an internship in a mental health care
setting. These additional experiences are particularly salient to graduate
school admission committees.

Honors Program in Psychology
The B.A. degree with honors provides recognition for outstanding
achievement in formal course work and research. Students considering
applying for honors should begin discussing possible research topics
with a faculty sponsor (and research mentor, if different from the
sponsor) in the fall semester of their junior year. The requirements for
a degree with honors include those for the regular B.A. degree, plus the
following:

• A minimum grade point average of 3.5 or better in psychology
(200.XXX) courses through the semester before the student
graduates.
• A public presentation (poster or talk) at a recognized student
research or professional conference either on campus (e.g., DREAMS,
Woodrow Wilson, ASPIRE, PURA) or off campus (e.g., APA, APS,
VSS, SPSP). The presentation must be on the research conducted
specifically for honors (e.g., research for 200.200 or 200.201 does not
count).
• The support of a sponsor for honors research. The sponsor must
have a full-time faculty appointment at Johns Hopkins and either a
primary or a joint appointment in the Department of Psychological
and Brain Sciences. Sponsors can sponsor research conducted under
the direct supervision of another principal investigator (e.g., a faculty
member in the School of Medicine).
• Completion of two 300- or 600-level psychology courses, in addition
to those required for the Psychology major. These courses cannot be
an independent study, research or internship credits, or a readings
course. These additional courses can count toward the 120 credits
required for graduation.
• Completion of six credits of research beyond research credits
counting toward the major.

Please see the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences (https://
pbs.jhu.edu/) website for the application process details.

Undergraduate Academic Awards
The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences offers two
undergraduate academic awards.

• G. Stanley Hall Prize is awarded for outstanding achievement by an
undergraduate in psychology.
• Julian C. Stanley Award is given to the psychology major who
most closely approximates Dr. Stanley’s personal and professional
standards of excellence.