

Minor in Psychology

Psychology is a broad field and complements several majors, including health science, criminal justice, and social work. It is also a very practical field and highly valued by potential employers because it provides students (potential employees) with the ability to find needed information (research skills), the ability to think critically about different options (critical thinking skills), and the ability to consider differing perspectives (critical thinking and diversity skills).

The psychology minor requires 18 credit hours – or 6 courses – to complete.

Required Courses (6 credit hours)

1. PSYC100 – Introduction to Psychological Science
2. PSYC202 – Research Methods in Psychology (Prerequisite of PSYC100)

Additional Courses (12 credit hours)

1. Six credit hours (usually 2 courses) at the 300 or 400 level. Some examples of classes that meet this are:
 - a. PSYC307 - Abnormal Psychology (prereq. of 6 hours taken in PSYC, including PSYC100)
 - b. PSYC308 - Psychology of Personality (prereq. of 6 hours taken in PSYC, including PSYC100)
 - c. PSYC315 – Health Psychology (prereq. of PSYC100 and PSYC215, PSYC410, or HLTH251)
 - d. PSYC322 – Drugs and Human Behavior (prereq. of PSYC100 and BIOL101 or HLTH251)
 - e. PSYC328 – Social Science Seminar (prereq. of 60 semester hours completed)
 - f. PSYC425 – Psychology of Women
2. Six credit hours (usually 2 courses) at any level of psychology. Some examples of classes that meet this are:
 - a. PSYC102 – Child Development
 - b. PSYC103 – Adolescent Development
 - c. PSYC201 – Educational Psychology (prereq. of PSYC102 or PSYC103)
 - d. PSYC212 – Forensic Psychology (prereq. of PSYC100)
 - e. PSYC235 – Interpersonal and Leadership Skills (prereq. of PSYC100)

To declare a minor complete the “Change of Major and Declare Academic Minor” form with the Psychology Department Chairperson. The form is on MyHaven and can be found by clicking the Registrar tab, then choosing Forms from the left side bar.

During the semester that you are completing the requirements for the minor (or when you apply for graduation), you must also complete the “Verification of Minor” form with the Psychology Department Chairperson. The form is on MyHaven and can be found by clicking the Registrar tab, then choosing Forms from the left side bar.

Questions about the Psychology Minor should be directed to Dr. Tara Mitchell, Psychology Department Chairperson, 314 Robinson Hall, 570-484-3866, or psychchair@lhup.edu