

PSYCHOLOGY MINOR

Banner Code: PSYC

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Coursework in psychology can enhance many different majors, and the minor in psychology is available to students in any major at Mason. For a list of suggested courses for students who are majoring in specific disciplines that interact especially well with psychology, contact the Undergraduate Psychology Office (<http://psychology.gmu.edu/contact/>).

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
PSYC 100	Introduction to Psychology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
Total Credits		3

Areas of Psychology

Code	Title	Credits
Select three courses in three of the following areas of Psychology: ¹		9-12

Abnormal:

PSYC 325 Psychopathology

Cognition:

PSYC 317 Cognitive Psychology

Developmental:

PSYC 211 Lifespan Development (Mason Core)
(<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

PSYC 313 Child Development

PSYC 314 Adolescent Development

PSYC 415 Psychological Factors in Aging

Physiological:

PSYC 372 Biopsychology

or PSYC 375 Brain and Sensory Processes
& PSYC 376 and Brain and Behavior

Social/Personality:

PSYC 231 Social Psychology (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

PSYC 324 Personality Theory

Total Credits 9-12

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Students must choose cognition or physiological as one of the three areas, though they may choose both.

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select one or two PSYC courses (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/psyc/) ¹		3-6
Total Credits		3-6

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No more than three credits of PSYC 260, PSYC 350, and PSYC 460 (in total) may be used as elective credit toward the minor. Students who take PSYC 375 and PSYC 376 in the physiological area above will only take 3 elective credits.