

2023-2024 Catalog

Metropolitan State University of Denver Psychology Major, B.S.

Below are the requirements to complete a B.S. in Psychology. Please regularly consult with a Psychology advisor to ensure that you are making good progress toward completion of your degree and for assistance selecting appropriate elective courses that are consistent with your career goals.

Psychology Core (16 crs):

Students must complete **each** of the following five required courses.

_____	PSY1001—Introductory Psychology (3 cr)
_____	PSY2001—Careers & Professional Dev in Psychology (3 cr)
_____	PSY2310—Statistics for the Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 cr)
_____	PSY3010—Research Methods in Psychological Science (3 cr)
_____	PSY3011—Lab for Research Meth in Psych Science (1 cr)

_____	Senior Experience: PSY4320—Advanced Research Methods (3 cr) OR PSY4330—Thinking Like a Psychologist (3cr) OR PSY4510—History & Systems of Psychology (3 cr) OR PSY4650—Advanced Internship (3 cr)
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Notes:

1. PSY2310 and PSY3010 must be taken in sequence, one at a time. PSY3011 may be taken concurrently with PSY3010, or after PSY3010 has been completed.
2. Transfer students must have completed both semesters of a two-semester introductory psychology course to get credit for PSY1001. Students completing both courses will earn credit for PSY8888, as will students completing only one semester of a two-semester sequence. PSY8888 will count toward general electives, but may not be used toward the PSY major requirements.

Content Areas (12 crs):

Students must choose one course from each of the four content areas listed below.

Social:

_____	PSY2410—Social Psychology
_____	PSY3050—Psychology of Gender
_____	PSY3450—Organizational Psychology
_____	PSY3700—Psychology of Group Prejudice (Meets ESSJ Req)

Developmental:

_____	PSY2210—Psychology of Human Development
_____	PSY3250—Child Psychology
_____	PSY3260—Psychology of Adolescence
_____	PSY3270—Adulthood & Aging

Clinical/Counseling:

_____	PSY2150—Positive Psychology
_____	PSY3000—Theories of Personality
_____	PSY3620—Abnormal Psychology
_____	PSY4100—Clinical/Counseling Psychology: Treatment, Practice and Skills

Cognitive & Biological:

_____	PSY2120—Brain & Behavior
_____	PSY4520—Sensation & Perception
_____	PSY4540—Behavioral Neuroscience
_____	PSY4570—Cognitive Psychology

Notes: Students who have transfer credit for a course that is equivalent to a methodological approaches class in all except course title or level may count this course toward the methodological approaches requirement. Ask an advisor for assistance.

Psychology Electives (15 crs):

Students must complete an additional 15 credits (i.e., 5 courses) of PSY-prefix courses. Any PSY course, with the exception of PSY8888, may be used toward meeting this requirement, including any extra courses listed on page 1, courses listed below, or any other PSY course taken at MSU Denver.

PSY1800—Developmental Educational Psychology	PSY3440—Cravings and Addictions
PSY2240—Parenting Across the Lifespan	PSY3450—Organizational Psychology
PSY2270—Death, Dying, and Grieving	PSY3460—Psychology of Play
PSY2850—Psychology of Sexuality	PSY3470—Psychology of Violence and Aggression
PSY2950—Contemporary Issues: Variable Topics	PSY 3490—Child Life Theory and Practice**
PSY3030—Multicultural Psychology (Meets ESSJ Requirement)	PSY3500—Research Issues: Variable Topics
PSY3070—Psychology of Sexual Orientation	PSY3560—Psychopharmacology
PSY3170—Social Justice: Self and Citizenship: Service Learning	PSY3580—Development in the Family Context
PSY3240—Infancy	PSY3920—Gender Politics of Health
PSY3340—Cognitive Development & Learning	PSY3970—Practicum
PSY3350—Psychology of Social Development	PSY3980—Internship in Psychology
PSY3370—Undergraduate Research Assistant*	PSY4150—Psychological Assessment
PSY3380—Clinical Neuropsychology	PSY4450—Advanced Statistics: SPSS
PSY3390—Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Training*	PSY 4700 - Senior Experience in HDFS Studies
PSY3400—Child Psychopathology	PSY4950—Pro-seminar in Psychology: Variable Topics
PSY 3410—Health Psychology	PSY 4970—Psychology Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*
PSY3420—Issues in Social-Personality Psychology	PSY4980—Independent Study

* To take PSY 3370,3390 or 4970, student needs permission from the instructor.

** PSY 3460 is a course for students interested in pursuing the field of Child Life Specialists. Contact Dr. Hagan (lkindleb@msudenver) for information about this career.

- No more than 6 credits may be PSY4980, no more than 6 credits may be in PSY3370, no more than 6 credits may be in PSY3390, and no more than 6 credits may be in the combination of PSY3980 and/or PSY4650. No more than 9 credits may be PSY 2950 courses.

Additional Recommendations:

It is **highly recommended** that Psychology majors complete one of the following as part of the Natural & Physical Sciences requirement in General Studies.

BIO1000—Human Biology for Non-Majors (3 crs.)	BIO1081—General Biology II (3 crs.)	BIO1091—
BIO1030—General Biology for Non-Majors (4 crs.)	General Biology Laboratory II (1 cr.)	
BIO1080—General Biology I (3 crs.)		
BIO1090—General Biology Laboratory I (1 cr.)		

Notes:

1. All students must complete at least 15 credits of upper-division PSY coursework.
2. Transfer students must complete at least 15 credits of PSY coursework at MSU Denver, including at least 9 credits of upper-division PSY coursework.
3. A grade of D- or better is required for each course in this program to count toward the bachelor's degree. Psychology majors must have a GPA of 2.00 in their major and an overall GPA of 2.00 to graduate. No correspondence courses may be used in the major.
4. Psychology majors must complete a minor of their choice.
5. Senior experience (SE) courses in the Department of Psychological Sciences require PSY majors to complete the Majors Field Test (MFT) prior to receiving a grade in the course. Should a student elect to repeat or take multiple SE courses, the MFT only needs to be completed in the 1st course.