

**2025-2026 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 credits)

	PSY 1001 - Introductory Psychology (3 cr)
	PSY 2001 - Careers and Professional Development in Psychology (3 cr)
	PSY 2310 - Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 cr)
	PSY 3010 - Research Methods in Psychological Science (3 cr)
	PSY 3011 - Laboratory for Research Methods in Psychological Science (1 cr)

	PSY 4320 - Advanced Psychological Research Methods
	OR
	PSY 4330 - Psychology in the "Real World": Thinking Like a Psychologist
	OR
	PSY 4510 - History and Systems of Psychology
	OR
	PSY 4650 - Advanced Internship in Psychology

**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 credits)

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

**Social**

	PSY 2410 - Social Psychology
	PSY 3030 - Multicultural Psychology (Meets ESSJ Requirement)
	PSY 3050 - Psychology of Gender
	PSY 3700 - Psychology of Group Prejudice

**Developmental**

	PSY 2210 - Psychology of Human Development
	PSY 3250 - Child Psychology
	PSY 3260 - Psychology of Adolescence
	PSY 3270 - Adulthood and Aging

**Clinical/Counseling**

	PSY 2150 - Positive Psychology
	PSY 3000 - Theories of Personality
	PSY 3620 - Psychological Disorders: Perspectives, Symptoms, and Treatment
	PSY 4100 - Clinical/Counseling Psychology: Treatment, Practice, and Skills

**Cognitive and Biological**

	PSY 2120 - Brain and Behavior
	PSY 4520 - Sensation and Perception
	PSY 4540 - Behavioral Neuroscience
	PSY 4570 - Cognitive Psychology

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

## Psychology Electives (15 credits)

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 additional Content Area courses or any other PSY course taken at MSU Denver or transferred.

PSY 1800 - Developmental Educational Psychology
PSY 2240 - Parenting Across the Lifespan
PSY 2270 - Death, Dying, and Grieving
PSY 2410 - Social Psychology
PSY 2850 - Psychology of Sexuality
PSY 2950 - Contemporary Issues: Variable Topics
PSY 3070 - Psychology of Sexual Orientation
PSY 3170 - Social Justice: Self and Citizenship: A Service Learning Course
PSY 3240 - Infancy
PSY 3340 - Cognitive Development and Learning
PSY 3350 - Psychology of Social Development
PSY 3370 - Undergraduate Research Assistant
PSY 3380 - Clinical Neuropsychology
PSY 3390 - Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Training
PSY 3400 - Child Psychopathology
PSY 3410 - Health Psychology
PSY 3440 - Cravings and Addictions
PSY 3450 - Organizational Psychology
PSY 3460 - Psychology of Play

PSY 3470 - Psychology of Violence and Aggression
PSY 3490 - Child Life Theory and Practice
PSY 3500 - Research Issues: Variable Topics
PSY 3560 - Psychopharmacology
PSY 3580 - Development in the Family Context
PSY 3630 - Forensic Psychology
PSY 3700 - Psychology of Group Prejudice
PSY 3920 - Gender Politics of Health
PSY 3970 - Practicum
PSY 3980 - Internship in Psychology
PSY 4150 - Psychological Assessment
PSY 4320 - Advanced Psychological Research Methods
PSY 4330 - Psychology in the "Real World": Thinking Like a Psychologist
PSY 4450 - Advanced Psychological Data Science
PSY 4510 - History and Systems of Psychology
PSY 4650 - Advanced Internship in Psychology
PSY 4700 - Senior Experience in Human Development and Family Studies
PSY 4950 - Pro-seminar in Psychology: Variable Topics
PSY 4970 - Psychology of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

## 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.

BIO 1000 - Human Biology for Non-Majors (3 cr)
BIO 1030 - General Biology for Non-Majors (4 cr)
BIO 1080 - General Biology I (3 cr)
BIO 1090 - General Biology Laboratory I (1 cr)

BIO 1081 - General Biology II (3 cr)
BIO 1091 - General Biology Laboratory II (1 cr)

### Notes:

- All students must complete at least 15 credits of upper-division PSY coursework.
- Transfer students must complete at least 15 credits of PSY coursework at MSU Denver, including at least 9 credits of upper-division PSY coursework.
- 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.
- Senior experience (SE) courses in the Department of Psychological Sciences require PSY majors to complete the Senior Assessment for the Psychology Major. Should a student elect to repeat or take multiple SE courses, the Senior Assessment only needs to be completed in the 1st course.