

Curriculum and Psychology Major Requirements - **New**

Pre-major Requirements:

Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 101)
Critical Thinking (PHIL 220)
Human Anatomy & Physiology (NTLS 150)
Elementary Statistics (MATH 104)

NOTE: A student must earn a grade of C (2.0) or higher in each of these courses. If a student earns a grade of C- (1.7) or lower, the student must repeat the course in the subsequent semester.

A) A calculus course with a grade of C or higher may be substituted for MATH 104 after consultation with a department advisor.

B) Another biology course with a grade of C or higher, containing information on anatomy, physiology, or human biology, may be substituted for NTLS 150 after consultation with a departmental advisor.

NOTE: Students must earn a grade of C (2.0) or higher in each of these courses before they can be eligible to declare or to remain a Psychology major. Students must retake pre-major requirements for which they earned a grade of C- (1.7) or lower and achieve a grade of C (2.0) or higher.

Lower Division Major Requirements:

1. Statistical Methods for Psychology (PSYC 241) and Lab (PSYC 243).

Prerequisites: Grade of C (2.0) or higher in each: MATH 104, PSC 100 or 101, 243 or concurrent enrollment.

2. Brain and Behavior (PSYC 251).

Prerequisites: Grade of C (2.0) or higher in each: NTLS 150, PSC 100 or 101, or consent of instructor.

3. Experimental Methods (PSYC 261).

Prerequisites: Grade of C (2.0) or higher in each: PHIL 220, PSYC 100 or 101, 241, 243.

4. Nonexperimental Methods (PSYC 265).

Prerequisites: Grade of C (2.0) or higher in each: PHIL 220, PSYC 100 or 101, 241, 243.

Upper Division Major Requirements:

1. Cognition (PSYC 401).

Prerequisite: Grade of C (2.0) or higher in each: PSYC 251, 261, 265.

2. Social (PSYC 410). Prerequisite: Grade of C (2.0) or higher in each: PSYC 251, 261, 265.

3. Lifespan Development (PSYC 415). Prerequisite: Grade of C (2.0) or higher in each: PSYC 251, 261, 265.

NOTE: Students must earn a grade of C (2.0) or higher in each course fulfilling these three requirements before they can (a) continue on in a Concentration in the major, and (b) take other 400- or 500-level PSYC courses. Students must retake any of these courses for which they earned a grade of C- (1.7) or lower and achieve a grade of C (2.0) or higher.

4. Concentration (12 semester hours). Students will declare one of the four concentrations listed below. In consultation with their academic advisor, students will select four upper division courses within their concentration. No more than 6 semester hours may be taken from the PSYC 300 series.

Concentrations:

General Psychology: This concentration provides the greatest flexibility. Students will select any four upper division courses. No more than two courses may be taken from the PSYC 300 series.

Biology and Behavior: This concentration emphasizes theory and research investigating the interrelation between biology and behavior. Students will select four of the following courses (no more than two courses may be taken from the PSYC 300 series): PSYC 310, 351, 402, 430, 432, 443, 445, 452, 455, 456, 457, 458.

Individual/Family: This concentration emphasizes the application of psychological theory and research to individuals and families. Students will select four of the following courses (no more than two courses may be taken from the PSYC 300 series): PSYC 301, 310, 315, 320, 321, 325, 330, 362, 402, 430, 432, 434/435, 436, 438, 442, 445, 452, 455, 456, 465.

Community/Organizational: This concentration emphasizes the application of psychological theory and research to communities and organizations. Students will select four of the following courses (no more than two courses may be taken from the PSYC 300 series): PSYC 301, 315, 320, 330, 362, 432, 433, 442, 445, 462.

5. **Capstone Course:** PSYC 510 or 515. Prerequisites: All required courses completed or currently in progress.

6. **Senior Assessment:** PSYC 595. Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PSYC 510 or 515, or completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher.

Students may take an additional 6 semester hours of upper division psychology courses and have them count as electives. Students may not take more than 30 semester hours of upper division psychology courses.

Minor Requirements:

NTLS 150, MATH 104, PHIL 220, PSYC 100 or 101, 241, 243, 251, 261, 265; and at least two of the following upper division courses: PSYC 401, 410, 415, or any 300-level PSYC course. Courses are selected in consultation with the Psychology Department Chairperson. A grade of C (2.0) or higher must be obtained in minor courses. All courses fulfilling minor requirements must be taken at Loyola Marymount University. Transfer students are exempt from this requirement only for those courses they have completed prior to admission to Loyola Marymount University.