

Description: The Bachelor of Arts in psychology prepares students for careers in which a fuller understanding of human behavior is needed or to enter graduate programs in psychology and professional schools such as law and medicine. Students learn the scientific approach to the study of human and animal behavior, and can take courses in a variety of subfields, such as social, cognitive, personality, abnormal, developmental, and behavioral neuroscience. Students also learn the research process: experimental design, data collection, analysis, and interpretation.

Degree Requirements: The degree consists of 48-50 hours of general education courses, 30 hours of psychology courses for the major, a required **minor field of study** (usually 18 hours), and general electives to bring the total minimum number of hours to 120. Students must have at least 40 hours of coursework at the 300 level or above.

General Education Requirements: The general education courses that the College of Liberal Arts requires for all B.A. degree programs are listed below. Some majors require or recommend certain courses to complete these general education requirements. Refer to the College of Liberal Arts **Academics and Admissions** section in this catalog for a full description of these general education requirements.

Course Area	Hours	To be selected from:
First Year Composition	6	Writ 100 or 101; Writ 102 or Liba 102
English Literature Survey	6	Eng 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 22x
Modern or Ancient Language	6	six hours at the 200 level or higher in a single language
History	6	any history courses
Additional Humanities	3	any African American studies, classical civilization, philosophy, religion; Envs 101; G St 201, 301, 333, 350 or any G St cross-listed with Eng; Liba 202; S St 101 or 102
Fine or Performing Arts	3	any art history; Mus 101, 102, 103, 104, 105; Thea 201, 202; Danc 200; Liba 130, 204
Mathematics	3	any math course at UM except for Math 245 and Math 246
Social Science	6	any anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, or Liba 203
Natural Science	9 to 11	any biology; chemistry (not Chem 101); geology; Liba 150, 151, 205, 205L; astronomy or physical science or physics; at least two courses must include a lab; two courses must be from the same subject of science with the third from a different department; each course must be a minimum of three credit hours

Course Requirements for Major: A major in psychology consists of 30 hours of psychology courses as listed below.

Course	Hours	Course Title
Psy 201	3	General Psychology
Psy 202	3	Elementary Statistics
Three subfield courses	9	Psy 309: Learning; Psy 319: Brain and Behavior; Psy 320: Cognitive Psychology; Psy 321: Social Psychology
One laboratory course	3	Psy 390: Behavioral Neuroscience; Psy 392: Experimental Social Psy; Psy 394: Cognition and Perception; Psy 396: Lab in Psychology
Psy electives	12	any Psy courses

College Requirements: An overall 2.0 GPA or higher is required in all coursework applied toward the major and minor. In some majors and minors, a minimum grade of C is required for each course. In addition to the major, a student must complete a minor and may not count courses toward both a major and a minor. Double majors may not count courses toward both majors. Each senior must apply for a degree by returning a completed Degree Application Form to the dean's office in the semester preceding the semester in which the student expects to graduate. Refer to the College of Liberal Arts **Academics and Admissions** section in this catalog for all College rules associated with the B.A. degree, such as residency requirements for majors and minors.

University Graduation Requirements: An overall 2.0 GPA or higher is required on all work attempted at UM, all college work attempted at any institution of higher learning (UM and transfer work), and all coursework submitted toward the degree. At least 25% of the hours required for an undergraduate degree must be taken in residence, with at least 15 of the last 21 credit hours completed at UM. In addition, at least 30 semester hours of residence credit must be taken in the school or college recommending the degree. The limit on the acceptance of credit from a junior or community college is one-half the total requirements for a degree. Refer to the **Undergraduate Academic Regulations** section in this catalog for all university degree requirements.