

# PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR CHECKLIST

Loyola University Chicago  
2019-2020

A total of 12 psychology courses plus two ancillary math/computer science/statistics courses are required. Psychology honors requires 13 courses including 369/370.

Students must take 101, 304, 306, 2 courses from Group A, 2 courses from Group B, 1 advanced laboratory course, and 1 capstone course as part of the 12-course major. The remaining courses may be any psychology course. Additional constraints may be found on the next page of this document.

- \_\_\_ 1. General Psychology (101)
- \_\_\_ 2. Statistics (304 – Prerequisite 101)
- \_\_\_ 3. Research Methods (306 – Prerequisite 304)
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- \_\_\_ 12.

## Group A and B Courses

- Group A \_\_\_
- Group A \_\_\_
- Group B \_\_\_
- Group B \_\_\_

## Advanced Laboratory Courses

- \_\_\_ Group A or Group B Lab

## Honors

- \_\_\_ 369 (Required for Honors)

## Capstone Courses

- \_\_\_ 390
- \_\_\_ 397
- \_\_\_ 370 (Required for Honors)
- \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lab (Group A or B)

## Ancillary Courses

MATH 108, 117, 118, 131, 132, 161, 162  
COMP 125, 150, 170, 180  
STAT 103

- \_\_\_ 1.
- \_\_\_ 2.

## Sample Psychology Courses

## Prerequisites

### Lectures – Group A

NEUR 101 Intro to Neuroscience (formerly PSYC/BIOL 202)	
240 Psychology and Biology of Perception	101
250 Cognitive Psychology	101
251 Learning and Memory	101
276 Philosophy of Mind (also PHIL 276)	
279 Judgment and Decision Making (also PHIL 279)	
307 Psychology of Language	101
382 Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience	NEUR 101

### Lectures – Group B

273 Developmental Psychology	101
275 Social Psychology	
331 Abnormal Psychology	101
332 Affective Neuroscience	101 & NEUR 101
338 Psychology of Personality	101
350 Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience	101 & NEUR 101

### Advanced Lab Courses – Group A

311 Lab in Psychobiology	306 & NEUR 101
312 Lab In Cognitive Neuroscience	306 & 382
314 Lab in Exp Psychology: Cognition	306 & (250 or 382)
316 Lab in Exp Psychology: Sensation & Perception	306 & (NEUR 101 or 240)
388 Neurosci Lab I (NEUR 301)	NEUR 101 & BIOL 251

### Advanced Lab Courses – Group B

315 Lab: Tests & Measurements	306
318 Lab in Developmental Psych	306 & 273
321 Lab in Social Psychology	306 & 275
327 Lab in Body Image	306

### Capstone Courses (also Advanced Lab Courses)

390 Internship in Psychology	304 & Permission
397 Independent Research	306 & Permission
369/370 Honors Readings & Research	306 & Permission

### Elective Courses

235 Psychology of Human Sexuality	101
238 Gender & Sex Diff & Similar	101
340 Psychology of Women	101
346 Psychopathology of Childhood	273
347 Infancy and Early Childhood	273
348 Psychology of Adolescence	273
352 Neuropsychology	101 & NEUR 101
355 Neuroethics (also PHIL 355)	
362 Industrial/Organizational Psychology	101
368 Counseling I	101
371 Psychology of Political Behavior	
372 Psychology & Law	101
373 Health Psychology	101
374 Community Psychology	
375 Psych of Addiction	101
376 Psychology of Religion	
386 Psychology Seminar: Selected Topics	101
387 Seminar in Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience	382
399 Special Studies in Psychology	Permission

Complete Course Offerings and Course Descriptions

<https://luc.edu/psychology/undergraduate/courseofferings/>

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## Recommended sequence of psychology courses

Students are advised to take General Psychology (101) their first year. Two or three additional psychology courses (A, B &/or electives) might then be taken before beginning the required 304-306 sequence. Note that PSYC 304 (Statistics) is a prerequisite for PSYC 306 (Research Methods). Students may *not* take these courses at the same time. Electives may be any 200 or 300 level psychology lecture courses. Psychology 304 and 306 are prerequisites for all lab and capstone courses. Also, some A & B labs have additional prerequisites. (See other side.)

## Recommended sequence of math courses

It is expected that students will have completed at least one, and preferably both ancillary math courses *before* beginning the PSYC 304-306 sequence. Thus, students should plan to take the ancillary mathematics courses during their first two years. Assuming a strong background in math a computer science course is strongly recommended to prepare students for future academic and non-academic careers. *Students should discuss with their advisor the ancillary math requirements as early as possible after deciding to major in Psychology.*

## Psychology Honors

Students able to maintain a 3.5 GPA overall as well as in psychology should discuss with their advisor the possibility of receiving a psychology honors degree.

## Double Dipping Between Majors

Psychology majors are to abide by Academic Council's double dipping policy which instructs that not more than three courses offered by one department may count towards two different majors. There are two notable exceptions for the Psychology Department:

1. Neuroscience Majors (either Cell/Molecular or Cognitive/Behavioral track) or Minors may count any number of PSYC classes allowed by the Neuroscience Major or Minor towards both their Psychology Major and Neuroscience Major/Minor.
2. Social Work Majors may count PSYC 101 and 304 and any other three PSYC classes approved by the School of Social Work towards both the Psychology and Social Work Majors.

## Psychology 390 (Internship in Psychology)

PSYC 390 is an intensive, work/academic experience that combines 100 hours (minimum) of supervised work at a psychology-related (e.g., human services) agency, arranged by the student prior to the start of the semester. Students participate in class meetings that include class discussions and activities, reading and writing assignments, and an independent project. This is a unique and time-intensive opportunity that allows students to learn how psychology is applied in real-world settings. The course is open to psychology seniors; however, students should contact the internship coordinator during their *junior year* to learn more about this program and to apply for the course in advance. *Admission to the internship course is by application only. Applications are due midway through the SEMESTER BEFORE the internship is to be taken.*

## Psychology 397 (Independent Research)

PSYC 397 may be selected by seniors who are actively involved in a research project directed by a Psychology Department faculty member with prior permission of the faculty member. *Students must arrange their research experience with a psychology faculty member before filling out the course contract and registering for the course and must have also completed PSYC 306.* If a student takes both PSYC 397 and PSYC 399 (see below), only one will count towards the Psychology major; however, the remaining course will count for University credit.

## Psychology 399 (Special Studies in Psychology)

PSYC 399 provides students with the opportunity to do independent study under the supervision of a psychology faculty member. *Students must arrange their research experience with a psychology faculty member before filling out the course contract and registering for the course.* If a student takes both PSYC 397 and PSYC 399, only one will count towards the Psychology major; however, the remaining course will count for University credit.

## Core Course Exemptions for Psychology Majors

Psychology majors are exempt from the “Societal and Cultural Knowledge” and “Quantitative Literacy” areas of the core.

## Psychology Faculty Advisors

All students must physically go to the psychology department to be assigned to a psychology faculty advisor. If you have forgotten your advisor's name please check your Locus account. If a departmental advisor is not listed please go to the psychology department located on the second floor of Coffey Hall. Ask one of the staff members to assign you an advisor. Your psychology advisor will meet with you, go over course requirements, Departmental activities, special courses, career opportunities, etc., and answer any questions that you might have. Please know that it is your responsibility to contact your advisor who will work with you on an "as needed" basis for the rest of your stay at Loyola.