

PSYCHOLOGY: BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE, BSLAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Psychology, Behavioral Neuroscience Concentration

Behavioral Neuroscience is the study of the biological mechanisms underlying behavior. Biological psychologists generally are interested in the brain and the nervous system, in the endocrine system, and in other organismic processes.

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Please see your academic advisor. A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Academic Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours).

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Minimum required major and supporting course work: Normally equates to 32-36 hours of Psychology courses.

Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level in the major must be taken on this campus.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Code	Title	Hours
Select one introductory course from the following:		
PSYC 100	Intro Psych	4
PSYC 103	Intro Experimental Psych	
Statistics:		
PSYC 235	Intro to Statistics (or equivalent)	3-5
Select one foundation course from the following:		
PSYC 204	Intro to Brain and Cognition	3
PSYC 220	Images of Mind	
PSYC 224	Cognitive Psych	
PSYC 230	Perception & Sensory Processes	
PSYC 248	Learning and Memory	
Select two foundation courses from the following:		
PSYC 201	Intro to Social Psych	6
PSYC 207	Psychology of Prejudice and Discrimination	
PSYC 216	Child Psych	
PSYC 238	Psychopathology and Problems in Living	
PSYC 239	Community Psych	
PSYC 245	Industrial Org Psych	
PSYC 250	Psych of Personality	
Concentration core course:		
PSYC 210	Behavioral Neuroscience	3
Concentration research methods course:		
PSYC 311	Behavioral Neuroscience Lab	4
Select four elective courses from the following:		
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IB 329	Animal Behavior (Same as PSYC 329)
PSYC 365	Stress, Trauma and Resilience
PSYC 396	Intermediate Current Topics in Psychology ¹
PSYC 408	Human Behavior Genetics
PSYC 413	Advanced Neuropsychopharmacology
PSYC 414	Brain, Learning, and Memory
PSYC 417	Neuroscience of Eating & Drinking
PSYC 432	Genes and Behavior
PSYC 433	Evolutionary Neuroscience
PSYC 496	Adv Current Topics in Psych ¹
Total Hours	35

¹ PSYC 396 & 496 seminars taught by faculty members in the Behavioral Neuroscience program area.

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Free elective course		1 PSYC 235	3
PSYC 100 or 103		4 Language Other than English (4th level)	4
General Education course		3 General Education course or Composition I	3
Language Other than English (3rd level)		4 General Education course	3
Composition I or General Education course		4	
		16	13

Second Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
PSYC 210		3 PSYC Foundation course list 2	3
PSYC Foundation course list 1		3 PSYC Foundation course list 2	3

General Education course	3 General Education course	3
General Education course	3 General Education course	3
Free elective course	3 Free elective course	3
	15	15

Third Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
PSYC 311		4 PSYC elective course	3
PSYC elective course		3 General Education course	3
General Education course		3 Free elective course	3
General Education course		3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
	16		15

Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
PSYC elective course		3 PSYC elective course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
	15		15

Total Hours 120

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department faculty: Psychology Faculty (<https://psychology.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/>)

advising: Psychology advising (<https://psychology.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/advising-services/>)

overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/>)

college website: <https://las.illinois.edu/>

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