PSYCHOLOGY MINOR

What is psychology?

Psychology is the science that seeks to understand people and how they relate to their environment. This type of understanding contributes to performance in all types of job settings, from education, to business, to health professions. The minor in psychology can thus be used to strengthen qualifications for any job requiring “people skills”. Because the field of psychology is so broad, students are able to select courses that fit with their major and support their career goals.

What are the requirements?

To complete a minor in psychology, students must (1) successfully complete PSYC 201S, which is a prerequisite to courses comprising the minor, (2) select at least one course from Area 1, and (3) choose at least one course representing three of the other five areas (2-6). Students must earn a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in all psychology courses. Courses in the minor may not be taken on a PASS/FAIL basis. A minimum of 12 semester hours in psychology is required (of which 6 credit hours need to be taken at ODU).

Area 1: Foundations
PSYC 410 Human Cognition
PSYC 413 Perception
PSYC 414 Principles of Learning
PSYC 424 Physiological Psychology
PSYC 430 Animal Behavior

Area 2: Developmental
PSYC 321 Exceptional Child
PSYC 322 Psychology of Adolescence
PSYC 334 Social Development
PSYC 351 Child Development
PSYC 352U Cognitive Development
PSYC 353 Adulthood & Aging

Area 3: Social/Personality
PSYC 304U Social Psychology
PSYC 308 Positive Psychology
PSYC 311 Criminal Behavior
PSYC 363 Psychology of Sexuality
PSYC 408U Theories of Personality

Area 4: Clinical
PSYC 306 Health Psychology
PSYC 325 Drugs & Behavior
PSYC 405U Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 412 Testing
PSYC 461 Drug Abuse & Dependence

Area 5: Cultural Context
PSYC 323U Psychology of Women
PSYC 403 History of Psychology
PSYC 420 Cross-Cultural Psychology
PSYC 431 Community Psychology
PSYC 460 African Americans

Area 6: Industrial/Organizational
PSYC 303U Industrial/Organizational
PSYC 343* Personnel Psychology
PSYC 344** Human Factors
PSYC 345* Organizational

*PSYC 303 is a prerequisite for this class.
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What courses will support my major?

The following are examples of how a minor might be used to support particular career goals. THESE ARE ONLY EXAMPLES. Students may substitute any course as long as one course from four different areas is used AND one course is from Area 1: Foundations.

A student interested in a career in business might select the following courses:

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A student interested in working in a mental health profession or in pursuing graduate work in counseling or social work might select the following courses:

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A student interested in a career in childcare and/or educational settings or in pursuing graduate work related to children might select the following courses:

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A student interested in working in medical settings or in pursuing graduate work related to nursing, physical therapy, dental hygiene or related areas might select the following courses:

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