

**UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR: BA PSYCHOLOGY**  
**2021/22**

**CREDITS REQUIRED IN MAJOR: 45**

**A grade of C- or higher is required in all courses for  
the major.**

**FOUNDATION/REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES**

<b>COURSE NUMBER</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>PREREQUISITES</b>	<b>OFFERED</b>	<b>Online</b>
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	None	Fa21, Sp22	Su21, Fa21, Sp22
PSY 201	Statistics in Psychology (QR)	3	Math Prerequisite	Fa21, Sp22	Su21
PSY 205	Experimental Methodology	3	PSY 100 & PSY 201 (C- or higher) OR LOS 120 & 206 concurrent	Fa21, Sp22	Su21
PSY 206	Methodology lab	3	PSY 100 & PSY 201 (C- or higher) OR LOS 120 & 205 concurrent	Fa21, Sp22	Su21
PSY 220	Psychology of the Lifespan	3	PSY 100 (C- or better)	Su21, Fa21, Sp22	Su21, Fa21
PSY 230	Social Psychology	3	PSY 100 (C- or better)	Su21, Fa21, Sp22	Su21, Fa21, Sp22
PSY 233	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSY 100 (C- or better)	Su21, Fa21, Sp22	Su21, Fa21, Sp22
PSY 338	Theories of Personality	3	PSY 100 (C- or better)	Su21, Fa21, Sp22	Su21, Fa21, Sp22
PSY 350	Psychology of Learning	3	PSY 100 (C- or better)	Su21, Fa21, Sp22	Su21
PSY 360	Cognitive Process	3	PSY 100 (C- or better)	Su21, Fa21, Sp22	Su21, Fa21, Sp22
PSY 361	Sensation and Perception	3	PSY 100 (C- or better)	Su21, Fa21, Sp22	Su21, Fa21, Sp22
PSY 365	Physiological Psychology	3	PSY 100 (C- or better)	Fa21, Sp22	Fa21
PSY 371	History and Systems	3	PSY 100 (C- or better)	Fa21, Sp22	

**SELECT 2 CLASSES FROM THE FOLLOWING 300 LEVEL COURSES: 6 credits**

<b>COURSE NUMBER</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>PREREQUISITES</b>	<b>OFFERED</b>	<b>Online</b>

PSY 375 (capstone) OR	Psychology in the Public Interest	3	PSY 100 (C- or better); JR/SR standing	Fa21	Fa21
PSY 317 (capstone)	Cross-Cultural Psychology	3	PSY 100 (C- or better); JR/SR standing	Sp22	
PSY 3XX					

**CAPSTONE SENIOR SEMINAR (3 CREDITS)**

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PSY 375	Psychology in the Public Interest	3	PSY 100 (C- or better); JR/SR standing	Fa21 Sp22	Fa21
PSY 317	Cross-Cultural Psychology	3	PSY 100 (C- or better); JR/SR standing		

**MAJOR COURSES OVERLAPPING IN THE CORE:**

CORE AREA	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	REQUIRED BY MAJOR?
QR	PSY 201	Statistics in Psychology	Yes, or can take LOS 120 <i>NOTE: MAT 120 is not accepted by the department.</i>
DIV	PSY 315	Psychology of Human Sexuality	No
DIV	PSY 316	Psychology of Gender	No
CAP	PSY 317	Cross-Cultural Psychology	No
EL	PSY 350	Psychology of Learning (R. Miller, K.Musielak-Hanold)	Yes
EL	PSY 371	History and Systems of Psychology	Yes
CAP	PSY 375	Psychology in the Public Interest	No
CAP	PSY 317	Cross-Cultural Psychology	No

**CORE CURRICULUM CODES**

**WRI 1** – Writing, Reading, & Inquiry1

**WRI 2** – Writing, Reading, & Inquiry2

**WRI 3** – Writing, Reading, & Inquiry3

**QR** – Quantitative Reasoning

**CE** – Creative Expression

**SCA** – Socio-cultural Analysis

**CI** – Cultural Interpretation

**SE** – Science Exploration

**EISRC** – Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility, & Citizenship

**DIV** – Diversity

**INT** – International

**EL** – Engaged Learning

**CAP** – Capstone

## **Required Courses:**

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology

PSY 201 Statistics in Psychology

PSY 205 Experimental Methodology

PSY 206 Methodology Lab

PSY 220 Psychology of the Lifespan

PSY 230 Social Psychology

PSY 233 Abnormal Psychology

PSY 338 Theories of Personality

PSY 350 Psychology of Learning

PSY 360 Cognitive Processes

PSY 361 Sensation and Perception

PSY 365 Physiological Psychology

PSY 371 History and Systems of Psychology

Students must take at least two 300 level psychology elective courses to complete the 45-credit minimum for the major. PSY 375 Psychology in the Public Interest and PSY 371 Cross Cultural Psychology satisfy the capstone general education requirement and will also serve as elective courses. In addition, BIO 321 Neurobiology and BIO 405 Animal Behavior can be applied as psychology electives.

Successful completion of PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology is the prerequisite for all other psychology (PSY) courses except PSY 201 Statistics in Psychology.

Additional prerequisites for PSY 205, PSY 206, PSY 323, PSY 325, PSY 326, PSY 363, and PSY 371 are listed in the course descriptions.

## **Independent Study**

With the permission of a faculty sponsor, junior and senior psychology majors may elect to participate in PSY 400 Independent Study. No more than 12 credits may be earned at the 400 level, including the directed study options listed below.

## **Directed Study**

With the permission of a faculty sponsor, students may elect to participate in directed study in one or more of the following courses: PSY 401 Research Apprenticeship, PSY 405 Teaching

Apprenticeship, and PSY 410 Internship/Field Experience.

The Department recommends that students who wish to take a more extensive program or who plan to enter graduate school elect, in consultation with their major advisor, other courses in psychology and also include study in related fields, such as mathematics, biology, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, computer science, health sciences, and social work.

Psychology majors who plan to attend graduate school should keep in mind that Graduate Record Examinations must be taken no later than December of their senior year. Students should plan to complete as many psychology courses as possible by the end of the fall semester of their senior year.

### **Department Policy on Repeated Courses**

When a student repeats a course and earns a grade of A, B, C, D, F, H, P, or LP, the initial grade appears on the transcript but only the later grade is used in computing the grade point average or for credit. **No required course in which a student earns an unsatisfactory grade (below C-) can be repeated more than one time. Students earning an unsatisfactory grade in the repeated course will be dropped from the major. Students will have the option of appealing this decision; each student's appeal will be reviewed by the department chair, who will then notify the department on this matter. Guidelines for readmission to the major will be provided to students who are dropped.** Courses intended to repeat University of Southern Maine courses may be taken at other institutions; such courses will be accepted in accordance with the University's transfer policy. The transfer course accepted as a USM equivalent will receive USM credit but will not be calculated in the original GPA; the original USM course that was repeated will remain on the student's transcript but will be removed from both the credit and GPA calculations.