

PSYCHOLOGY

Departmental Notes

Subject Code for Psychology: **PSYC**

Subject Code for Wellness: **WELL**

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Overview

Psychology is the study of mental processes and behaviour. Broadly, psychological scientists study relationships among behaviour, environment, and brain function. As a discipline, psychology explores a wide range of topics, including clinical psychology, cognitive neuroscience, developmental psychology, social psychology, and also explores the influence of factors such as sex/gender and culture in these areas. The Department of Psychology at Queen's University houses many active research labs that students can become involved with, engaging in research under the supervision of faculty researchers.

We have a variety of degree plans available including Specialization plans, Majors, and a Minor.

We offer 3 Specialization plans. Although all of our programs are research intensive, these Specialization plans are the most research-intensive of our degree offerings.

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Specialization and Bachelor of Science (Honours) Specialization: These degree plans consist of 60 specified units in PSYC, and require the successful completion of our courses in advanced statistics and research methods. The BScH Specialization plan requires additional units in science courses. There is a thesis pathway in PSYC in these degree plans, pending satisfaction of pre-requisites and matching with an approved supervisor. There are also research opportunities in this degree plan through directed research courses.

Bachelor of Science (Honours) BioPsychology Specialization:

This degree plan consists of 42 units in PSYC. There are research opportunities in PSYC through this degree plan, and a thesis pathway in BIOL (not PSYC), pending satisfaction of pre-requisites and an approved supervisor.

We offer 2 Major plans in Psychology, a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and a Bachelor of Science (Honours) Major in Psychology. These degree plans consist of 48 specified units in PSYC. The BScH Major requires additional units in science courses. There are research opportunities in these degree plans through directed research courses. The Majors do not require advanced courses in research methods and statistics, though they may be options for you if space permits. There is no option to do a thesis in Psychology through the Majors. A Major must be paired with a second Major, or Minor, in another discipline.

We also offer an Arts Minor in Psychology. The Minor consists of 24 units in PSYC. The Minor can be added to both an Arts or Science Major in another discipline.

Departmental Policies

PSYC 100 Requirement

PSYC 100 is a prerequisite for all other psychology courses. It can only be waived if a student has completed a similar advanced high school (AP, IB) or college level introductory psychology course and official transfer credit is noted on the student's Queen's transcript. PSYC 100 **must** be taken at Queen's for admission into an Honours Psychology plan.

Special Study Opportunities

Special Directed Courses

Directed lab and reading courses are a great opportunity for students to work with a faculty member in a research area of interest. Students are encouraged to work in different labs during their undergraduate studies for breadth—this can be helpful both for experience, and building professional relationships with professors who may be able to write letters of reference.

- A student may not complete any special directed lab or reading course and the PSYC 501 Honours Thesis course *concurrently* with the same supervisor.
- Students are limited to a total of two courses from PSYC 550, PSYC 555, PSYC 570, or PSYC 575.
- Students can take a maximum of three courses from PSYC 299, PSYC 550, PSYC 555, PSYC 570, PSYC 575, PSYC 501 with the same supervisor.



For more information, please visit the Psychology undergraduate website (<https://www.queensu.ca/psychology/undergraduate/current-students/course-information/special-directed-courses/>).

Graduate Courses

Requests for permission to register in certain graduate courses from especially well-qualified fourth-year honours students will be considered where space permits. Students desiring such consideration or more information should consult with the Undergraduate office in Psychology.