

# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

## B.A. in Psychology

Department of Psychology Undergraduate Degree Program Information — <http://psy.fau.edu>

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[http://www.science.fau.edu/student\\_services/advising.php](http://www.science.fau.edu/student_services/advising.php)

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY:** Minimum of 120 Credit Hours Required. All students are required to complete at least 40 hours in college-level psychology course work and a minimum of 31 of the 40 credits must be upper-division (3000-4000 level). At least 28 of the 40 credits must be taken at Florida Atlantic University. Up to 12 credits of transfer psychology course work may be applied to the major, upon approval of the department. No more than 9 credits of the transfer credits applied to the major can be at the lower-division.

Students are strongly urged to complete major and general requirements in as timely a manner as possible. If the student leaves a required course until the final semester, and the course is either not offered or is closed, the student's graduation will be delayed. Please see the Degree Requirements section of the University Catalog for other important graduation requirements:

<http://www.fau.edu/registrar/universitycatalog/welcome.php> A grade of "C-" or better (unless otherwise noted in the course description) is required in all psychology and cognate courses taken as part of the requirements for a B.A. with major in Psychology. However, students must maintain a "C" average in departmental major courses.

**I. GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY CORE REQUIREMENTS\*:** Nine courses (25 credit hours) are required of all majors.

DEP 3053 Psych of Human Development	3	PSY 3234 Exp. Design & Stat Inference	3
EXP 3505 Cognition	3	STA 3163L Intermediate Statistics Lab	1
PSB 3002 Biological Bases of Behavior	3	SOP 3004 Social Psychology	3
PSY 1012 General Psychology	3	(see below) Laboratory in Psychology	3
PSY 3213 Research Methods in Psychology	3		

**Laboratory Options:** This requirement may be met by: **a)** Existing laboratory courses: DEP 4797C Human Development Lab; EXP 4934C Cognition Laboratory; PSB 3002L Computer Lab in Psychobiology; SOP 4230C Laboratory in Social Behavior; **OR b)** Special Topics laboratory courses – PSY 4930 Research in (Varied Topics); **OR c)** Upper-division Directed Independent Research laboratory courses (PSY 4915 or PSY 4916; **OR d)** an Honors Thesis (PSY 4970).

**II. PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS:** A minimum of five additional courses (15 credit hours) are to be selected from the list of other courses offered within the department.

CBH 4024 Comparative Animal Behavior	EXP 4304 Psychology of Motivation
CLP 4144 Psychopathology	EXP 4404 Psychology of Learning
CLP 4343 Clinical Psychology	EXP 4525 Human Memory
DEP 4095 Personality and Social Development	EXP 4934C Cognition Laboratory
DEP 4115 Infant Development	PCO 4734 Interpersonal Processes
DEP 4130 Language Acquisition	PPE 4003 Personality Theories
DEP 4163 Cognitive Development	PPE 4700 Experimental Studies of Personality
DEP 4305 Psychology of Adolescence	PSB 3002L Computer Lab in Psychobiology
DEP 4797C Human Development Laboratory	PSB 4006 Biological Bases of Behavior 2
EXP 4204 Human Perception	PSB 4323 Human Psychophysiology

PSB 4444 Psychopharmacology  
 PSB 4504 Developmental Psychobiology  
 PSB 4810 Neurobiology of Learning & Memory  
 PSB 4930 Special Topics in Behavioral Neuro  
 PSY 3070 Careers in Psychology  
 PSY 4302 Psychometrics & Psychological Tests  
 PSY 4604 History and Systems of Psychology  
 PSY 4810 Evolutionary Psychology  
 PSY 4906 Directed Independent Study\*  
 PSY 4915 Directed Independent Research\*

PSY 4916 Directed Independent Research\*  
 PSY 4930 Special Topics in Psychology  
 PSY 4932 Honors Seminar\*\*  
 PSY 4935 Honors Critical Questions\*\*  
 PSY 4970 Honors Thesis\*\*  
 SOP 3742 Psychology of Women  
 SOP 4230C Social Behavior Laboratory  
 SOP 4751 Psychology and the Law  
 SYP 4002 Current Issues in Social Psychology  
 SYP 4120 Social Cognition

\*Maximum of 3 credits of DIR may be counted toward Psychology Elective Requirement.

\*\*Enrollment in Honors Thesis and Honors Seminar is limited to Honors students.

Note: The same course section cannot be used to satisfy two different requirements for the major at the same time. A course counted as a Psychology laboratory cannot be counted as a Psychology elective simultaneously.

### III. COGNATE AREA REQUIREMENTS:

Before enrolling in the following courses, students should determine whether the controlling department requires prerequisites or co-requisites. Substitutions for transferred coursework may require formal evaluation by the FAU department controlling the course(s) in question.

**Biological Sciences:** All students must have six (6) credit hours of Biological Science to be chosen from the following courses.

BSC 1010 Biological Principles	3
BSC 1011 Biodiversity	3
BSC 2085 Anatomy & Physiology 1	3
BSC 2086 Anatomy & Physiology 2	3

**Mathematical Sciences:** All students must have six (6) credit hours of Mathematics to be chosen from the following courses:

MAC 1105 College Algebra***	3
MAC 1114 Trigonometry	3
MAC 1140 Pre-calculus Algebra	3
MAC 1147 Pre-calculus Algebra & Trigonometry	4 or 5
MAC 2233 Methods of Calculus***	3
MAC 2311 Calculus with Analytic Geometry 1	4
MAC 2312 Calculus with Analytic Geometry 2	4
MAC 2313 Calculus with Analytic Geometry 3	4

\*\*\* Recommended Math Courses

Note: All of the MAC courses may be used to satisfy the University's Gordon Rule (Computational Skills) requirement if the student earns a grade of "C" or higher in the course. PSY 3234 Experimental Design & Statistical Inference is a required psychology course, but it also counts as a Gordon Rule (Computational Skills) course. These may also be used toward the State of Florida's CLAS requirement. See the university catalog for more information. Laboratories for the cognate courses are NOT required for the major, but students should check with their academic advisors and the controlling departments to determine whether laboratories are needed in order to satisfy general graduation requirements.

#### **IV. OTHER PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

**Transfer Credits:** At least 28 of the 40 semester hours in psychology for this degree program must be taken at Florida Atlantic University, and a minimum of 31 semester hours of the 40 hours must be upper-division (3000-4000 level). Up to 12 credits of transfer psychology coursework may be applied to the psychology major, upon approval of the department. Please note that no more than 9 credits of the transfer coursework applied to the major can be at the lower-division level.

**Honors Program:** Qualified students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology are invited to participate in the departmental Honors Program. Students may apply for and be admitted to Honors Program after completion of 45 credit hours and prior to the completion of 105 hours. Students must have a minimum of a 3.2 GPA overall and in the major to be admitted to and to be retained in the program. Students in the Honors Program must take Honors Seminar (PSY 4932), Honors Critical Questions (PSY 4930) and 3 credits of Honors Thesis/Project (PSY 4970).

**Certificate in Applied Mental Health Counseling:** The certificate is available to students who meet the application requirements for the program (3.0 GPA and 60 credit hours earned) and who complete the following 15 required credits and a minimum of 2 credits from the elective list with a “C-” or better:

**Required:**

CLP 4144 Psychopathology	3
CLP 4343 Clinical Psychology	3
PSB 4240 Neuropsychology	3
SDS 3340 Career and Lifespan Development	3
SDS 4410 Interpersonal Communication Skills	3

**Elective Courses:**

MHS 5930 Special Topics (in Counseling)	3
SDS 3483 University Student Mentoring and Peer Coaching	2
SOP 4751 Psychology and the Law	3

**Minor in Psychology:** A minor in Psychology is available for students who complete the following 18 credits in psychology. At least 15 credits must be earned from FAU. A grade of “C-“ or better is required in all courses taken as part of the requirements for a minor in Psychology.

PSY 1012 General Psychology	3
PSY 3234 Experimental Design and Statistical Inference	3
DEP 3053 Human Development	3
EXP 3505 Cognition	3
PSB 3002 Biological Bases of Behavior	3
SOP 3004 Social Psychology	3

**Boca Raton Academic Advising:** ALL undergraduate academic advising for psychology students will be handled by the staff of the Student Services Office for the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. This advising will address the requirements for the major as well as for the other general graduation requirements that must be completed. The Student Services Office is located in the Science and Engineering Building (SE) in room 308. Students can arrange for an advising appointment with the staff in that office by logging into the Starfish system online. Students needing further assistance can contact the office by telephone at 561-297-3700. Psychology department faculty (on all campuses) are available to students for guidance in career choices, graduate training, research opportunities, information about specific sub-disciplines within the field, etc. Undergraduate students are strongly encouraged to seek out a faculty mentor to complement the comprehensive academic planning that is offered via the College of Science's Student Services Office. Other Campuses: Advising on the Davie campus is provided by the Academic Coordinator in the Davie Student Services Office at (954) 236-1103. Advising on the MacArthur campus in Jupiter is conducted by Academic Advising and Services at (561) 799-8697 or (561) 799-8698.