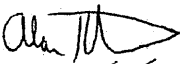
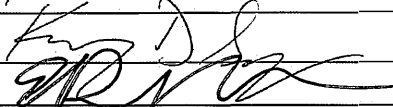
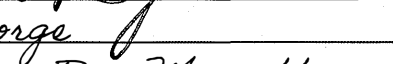
 <b>FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST</b> <b>Undergraduate Programs</b>		UUPC Approval <u>12/01/25</u> UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	<b>Department</b> Psychology  <b>College</b> Science		
<b>Program Name</b> BA in Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Program*</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Change Program*</b>	<b>Effective Date</b> (TERM & YEAR) Summer 2026	
<p><b>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</b></p> <p>This request includes two changes to the BA in Psychology program.</p> <p>The first change is to add "Neurobiology of Mental Illness" to the Psychology major elective options. This course involves advanced coursework related to Psychology and Neuroscience and will be useful to Psychology majors who are interested in mental illness.</p> <p>The second change involves the "Laboratory Requirement" for the BA in Psychology program, which currently can be fulfilled by registering for "Directed Independent Research in Psychology" (PSY 4915 or PSY 4916). This proposal would also allow students to meet the "Laboratory Requirement" for the BA in Psychology program by registering for "Directed Independent Research in Neuroscience and Behavior" (adding "or PSB 4915 or PSB 4917" to the list of acceptable courses in the catalog). The proposal would also add PSB 4915 and PSB 4917 to the list of "Psychology Elective Requirements".</p> <p>Several faculty members in the Department of Psychology conduct research in Neuroscience, and many BA in Psychology majors work with these faculty members on Neuroscience research. This proposed change would ensure that BA in Psychology majors can meet their Laboratory Requirement through this Neuroscience DIR research participation. This proposal was discussed and approved by the Department of Psychology Undergraduate Programs committee and supported by a vote of the Department of Psychology faculty.</p> <p>Proposed changes are highlighted in yellow in the attached catalog entry.</p> <p><small>*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.</small></p>			
<b>Faculty Contact/Email/Phone</b> Michael Maniaci / mmaniaci@fau.edu / 561-297-3305		<b>Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation</b> Comments from Chair of Biological Sciences are attached (re: Neurobiology of Mental Illness course).	
<b>Approved by</b> Department Chair <u></u> College Curriculum Chair <u></u> College Dean <u></u> UUPC Chair <u>Korey Sorge</u> Undergraduate Studies Dean <u>Dan Meeroff</u> UFS President _____ Provost _____		<b>Date</b> 11/13/2025 11/19/25 <u>11/20/2025</u> <u>12/01/25</u> <u>12/01/25</u> _____ _____	

Email this form and attachments to [mjenning@fau.edu](mailto:mjenning@fau.edu) seven business days before the UUPC meeting.

## PSYCHOLOGY

### BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

*(Minimum of 120 credits required)*

The B.A. degree in Psychology is intended for students interested in pursuing graduate study in psychology (experimental psychology, clinical or counseling psychology, applied psychology). The departmental program offers a focus in psychology and maximum flexibility in choice of electives. Thus, it may be tailored to the interests of the individual student and to further professional plans. 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. Facilities are available for experimental research in cognitive psychology, neuroscience and behavior, social/personality psychology and developmental psychology. Qualified students are strongly encouraged to become involved in such research (normally via a Directed Independent Research or a special research course).

#### Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the General Education Curriculum) and requirements for the college and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the [Transition Guides](#).

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

In addition to the University and College requirements, all students are required to complete at least 40 credits in college-level psychology coursework, and a minimum of 31 credits of the 40 credits must be upper-division (3000/4000) level. A minimum of 28 of the upper-division credits must be taken at Florida Atlantic University. 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.

#### General Psychology Requirements

*Nine core courses are required of all majors.*

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
Psychology of Human Development	DEP 3053*	3
Cognition	EXP 3505*	3
Biological Bases of Behavior	PSB 3002*	3
General Psychology	PSY 1012	3
Research Methods in Psychology	PSY 3213*	3
Experimental Design and Statistical Inference	PSY 3234*	3
Social Psychology	SOP 3004*	3
Intermediate Statistics Lab	STA 3163L*	1
Laboratory in Psychology (see below)**		3

\* For transfer students: If a lower-division course has been taken in any of the core areas that have an upper-division course requirement, the student may, with the approval of a psychology advisor, substitute a different upper-division course in the same content area for the original course.

**\*\*Laboratory Requirement**

The laboratory requirement may be met with any of the following:

1. Existing laboratory courses: DEP 4797C, Human Development Lab; EXP 4934C, Cognition Laboratory; PSB 3002L, Computer Lab in Psychobiology; SOP 4230C, Social Behavior Laboratory; OR
2. Special topics laboratory courses with the words “Research in…” or “Laboratory in…” in the title, e.g., PSY 4930, Research in (Varied Topics); OR
3. Upper-division, Directed Independent Research lab courses taken for 3 credits (PSY 4915 or PSY 4916 or PSB 4915 or PSB 4917); OR
4. An Honors Thesis, PSY 4970.

**Psychology Elective Requirements**

*A minimum of 15 additional credits are to be chosen from the following.*

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Comparative Animal Behavior	CBH 4024	3
Psychopathology	CLP 4144	3
Clinical Psychology	CLP 4343	3
Forensic Psychology	CLP 4390	3
Personality and Social Development	DEP 4095	3
Infant Development	DEP 4115	3
Language Acquisition	DEP 4130	3
Cognitive Development	DEP 4163	3
Psychology of Adolescence	DEP 4305	3
Human Development Laboratory	DEP 4797C	3
Human Perception	EXP 4204	3
Psychology of Motivation	EXP 4304	3
Psychology of Learning	EXP 4404	3
Human Memory	EXP 4525	3
Cognition Laboratory	EXP 4934C	3
Industrial Organizational Psychology	INP 4003	3
Interpersonal Processes	PCO 4734	3
Personality Theories	PPE 4003	3
Experimental Studies of Personality	PPE 4700	3
Computer Lab in Psychobiology	PSB 3002L	3
Biological Bases of Behavior 2	PSB 4006	3

Neuropsychology	PSB 4240	3
Human Psychophysiology	PSB 4323	3
Psychopharmacology	PSB 4444	3
Developmental Psychobiology	PSB 4504	3
RI: Neurobiology of Learning and Memory	PSB 4810	3
Neuroscience of Sleep	PSB 4842	3
University Honors Seminar in Psychology	PSY 1930	3
Special Topics	PSY 2930	1-3
Careers in Psychology	PSY 3070	3
Cooperative Education	PSY 3949	1-3
Psychometrics and Psychological Testing	PSY 4302	3
History and Systems of Psychology	PSY 4604	3
Evolutionary Psychology	PSY 4810	3
Directed Independent Study*	PSY 4906	1-3
Directed Independent Research in Psychology**	PSY 4915	1-3
Directed Independent Research in Psychology**	PSY 4916	0-3
Directed Independent Research in Neuroscience and Behavior**	PSB 4915	1-3
Directed Independent Research in Neuroscience and Behavior**	PSB 4917	0-3
Special Topics in Psychology	PSY 4930	1-3
Honors Seminar***	PSY 4932	3
Honors Critical Questions in Psychology***	PSY 4935	3
Psychology Study Abroad	PSY 4957	1-6
Honors Thesis***	PSY 4970	1-3
Psychology of Women	SOP 3742	3
Social Behavior Laboratory	SOP 4230C	3
Police Psychology	SOP 4750	3
Psychology and the Law	SOP 4751	3
Current Issues in Social Psychology	SYP 4002	3
Neurobiology of Mental Illness	PSB 4072	3

\* Maximum of 3 credits of Directed Independent Study may be counted as a psychology elective for the major. \*\*

Maximum of 3 credits of Directed Independent Research may be counted as a psychology elective for the major.

\*\*\* Enrollment is limited to students in the Honors Program.

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.

#### Cognate Area Requirements

All students must have 6 credits of biological science (to be chosen from BSC 1010, BSC 1011 , BSC 2085, BSC 2086 or equivalents) and 6 credits of mathematics at the level of college algebra or higher (in addition to statistics). The following math courses are accepted as meeting the math graduation requirement for the B.A. in psychology:

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
College Algebra	MAC 1105	3
Trigonometry	MAC 1114	3
Precalculus Algebra	MAC 1140	3
Precalculus Algebra and Trigonometry	MAC 1147	4 or 5
Methods of Calculus	MAC 2233	3
Calculus with Analytic Geometry 1	MAC 2311	4
Calculus with Analytic Geometry 2	MAC 2312	4
Calculus with Analytic Geometry 3	MAC 2313	4

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 (other) departments' requirements or general graduation requirements.



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**Re: new course proposals**

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**From** Sarah Milton <smilton@fau.edu>  
**Date** Thu 7/24/2025 2:54 PM  
**To** Alan Kersten <akersten@fau.edu>

Hi Alan - Biology has no objection to this course being offered by Psychology. It does not have any overlap with our courses.

Best,  
Sarah

Dr. Sarah L. Milton  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Biological Sciences  
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**From:** Alan Kersten <akersten@fau.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 11:19 AM  
**To:** Sarah Milton <smilton@fau.edu>  
**Cc:** Simon Pieraut <spieraut@fau.edu>  
**Subject:** new course proposals

Hi Sarah,  
Simon Pieraut has been offering a course titled "Neurobiology of Mental Illness" with a special topics number, with sections for both the Psychology Department and the Honors College. We were hoping to formally propose both versions of the course so that we can get a dedicated course number. Your department is the one that is most likely to be affected by our offering this course (hopefully in a positive way), so I was hoping to get your input on this course that we can include with the new course proposals to the UUPC. I've attached the new course proposal forms (with accompanying syllabi) for the Honors and non-Honors versions of the course for you to review. I don't know what your approval process is like in Biology, so I don't know if this is something you can do over the summer or if you need to wait until the faculty on your undergraduate committee are back under contract, but we were hoping to get these on the agenda for the September 8<sup>th</sup> UUPC meeting, which has an August 28<sup>th</sup> deadline for agenda items. Please let me know if this time frame will work for you to get back to us with any comments and hopefully your approval. I'm sure you've done these before, but as I understand it, we just need an email from you stating that you don't have any concerns with this proposal moving forward. Please let me know if this works.

Thanks,  
Alan

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Alan Kersten  
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