



# PSYCHOLOGY

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The Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology will foster the study of human behavior through the development of scientific skills.



This major will help students meet the ever changing challenges of the world of work as well as giving the student a solid platform to launch his/her graduate career.

## **Program objectives**

- Understand clinical/personality basis of human behavior
- Understand the biological basis of human behavior
- Understand the developmental and social processes in human behavior
- Understand the learning components in human behavior
- Understand the applications of psychology to human behavior

# Degrees, Major and Minors

- Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Psychology
- Psychology Minor
- Psychology Concentration

#### **Career options**

The psychology major prepares students to do graduate work in psychology. Many students elect to stop at the bachelor's level. Options for careers are:

- Administrative support
- Public affairs
- Education
- Business
- Sales
- Service industries
- Health
- Personnel analysts
- Probation officers

A bachelor's in psychology is also excellent preparation for continued graduate work in psychology or for other fields such as business, medicine, or computer science.

Those who earn master's degrees in psychology may qualify for positions in school and industrial-organizational psychology. According to the American Psychological Association, the highest paid and greatest range of jobs are available to psychology doctorates. Minot State University offers a graduate Education Specialist in School Psychology program that has a 100 percent placement rate.

#### Where to complete your degree

All courses required for the psychology program are offered on the Minot State University campus. Students can blend various course delivery options by enrolling in courses offered on campus, online, at MAFB, or in Bismarck. To complete the major a student needs to do his/her general education course work, forty hours of psychology course work as listed in the catalog and complete the B.A. degree requirements.

One of psychology's most important characteristics is its coupling of science and practice. This is reflected in the mix of academic courses and laboratory experiences offered at MSU. Emphasis is placed on students developing skills in critical thinking, writing, and synthesizing research material.

## **College of Education and Health Sciences**

The College of Education and Health Sciences is internationally known for producing quality professionals and pre-professionals in education, human service and health sciences.

## **Application and Coursework**

New freshmen and transfer students are invited to apply. The psychology programs require a minimum of 120 credits to meet the graduation requirements. Additional information concerning the psychology programs can be found at **www.minotstateu.edu/psychology**.

#### For More Information

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Accrediting Agencies: The Higher Learning Commission North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

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## **Program Outline**

# BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY (120 credits)

Required Psychology Core (41 cr) PSY 112 Foundations of Psychology (3) PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics (4) PSY 242 Research Methods in Psychology (4) PSY 375 History and Systems of Psychology (3) PSY 491 Senior Seminar in Psychology (3) Area 1 - Social/Personality Component Elect two from the following: PSY 270 Abnormal Psychology (3) PSY 376 Social Psychology (3) PSY 411 Introduction to Personality Theories (3) Area 2 - Biological Component Elect one of the following: PSY 349 Psychopharmacology (3) PSY 460 Sensation and Perception (3) PSY 465 Physiological Psychology (3) Area 3 - Developmental Component Elect one of the following: PSY 252 Child Psychology (3) PSY 352 Adolescent Psychology (3) PSY 379 Psychology of Adult and Aging (3) Area 4 - Learning Component Elect one of the following: PSY 410 Cognitive Psychology (3) PSY 435 Theories of Learning (3) Area 5 - Applied Component Elect one of the following: PSY 313 Industrial Organizational Psychology (3) PSY 423 Introduction to Counseling (3) PSY 424 Advanced Counseling (3) PSY 473 Behavior Modification (3) Area 6 - Application PSY 495 Service Learning (3) PSY 496 Senior Research Paper(3) PSY 497 Psychology Practicum (3) Additional PSY electives (3 cr) Elect one of the following: PSY 261 Psychology of Adjustment (3) PSY 338 Professional Relations and Ethics (3) PSY 344 Dynamics of Addiction (3) PSY 365 Evolutionary Psychology (3) PSY 476 Group Dynamics (3) PSY 494 Directed Behovioral Research (1-4)

Second major, minor, concentration(s) or electives: check catalog for requirements.

All courses subject to change.