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

Career options
The psychology major will help students meet the ever changing challenges of the world of work as well as give them a solid platform to launch their graduate career. Options for careers are:
- Administrative support
- Education
- Sales
- Health
- Probation officers
- Public affairs
- Business
- Service industries
- Personnel analysts

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 graduate, students must complete their general education course work, 40 hours of psychology course work as listed in the catalog, and the bachelor of arts 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.
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 MinotStateU.edu/psychology.

Department of Addiction Studies, Psychology, and Social Work
Our faculty members are sought after for their scholarly expertise and their contributions to the community. They have both the academic training and the real world experience to prepare students for graduate work in psychology.

College of Education and Health Sciences
Minot State University’s College of Education and Health Sciences is internationally known for producing quality professionals and pre-professionals in education, human service and health science. Courses required possible education and the personal attention they need to succeed. Please contact us for more information.

General Education Requirements
Psychology Majors are required to take the following courses for partial completion of their Gen Eds:
- PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology – GE (3) (Social Sciences)
- PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics – GE (4) (Math)

Required Psychology Core
- PSY 112 Foundations of Psychology (3)
- PSY 242 Research Methods in Psychology (4)
- PSY 270 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- PSY 376 Social Psychology (3)
- PSY 411 Introduction to Personality Theories (3)
- PSY 491 Senior Seminar in Psychology (3)

Area 1 – Biological Component
Elect one of the following:
- MHA 349 Psychopharmacology (3)
- PSY 460 Sensation and Perception (3)

Area 2 – Developmental Component
Elect two of the following:
- PSY 252 Child Psychology (3)
- PSY 352 Adolescent Psychology (3)
- PSY 379 Psychology of Adult and Aging (3)

Area 3 – Learning Component
Elect one of the following:
- PSY 410 Cognitive Psychology (3)
- PSY 435 Theories of Learning (3)

Area 4 – Application Component
Elect one of the following:
- MHA 424 Advanced Counseling (3)
- PSY 313 Industrial Organizational Psychology (3)
- PSY 423 Introduction to Counseling (3)
- PSY 473 Behavior Modification (3)

Area 5 – Pre-professional Experience
- PSY 495 Service Learning (3)
- PSY 496 Senior Research Paper (3)
- PSY 497 Psychology Practicum (3)

Minor and/or Concentration(s)
For a list of course descriptions, go to MinotStateU.edu/psychology. All courses subject to change.