Psychology B.A.

Overview

D’Youville College has offered a B.A. in psychology since the fall of 2000. This program provides students with a strong foundation of psychological knowledge that is valuable in any career requiring critical thinking and thoughtful understanding. In addition, the curriculum is designed to provide the student with ongoing guidance in the establishment and attainment of professional goals. The student will be well prepared to gain employment or admission to graduate programs in psychology or related fields.

During the first two years of the program, students complete general education core courses in the arts, humanities and sciences, and program core courses in the foundation areas of psychology. These core courses prepare the student for advanced study.

In the last two years of the program, students are required to complete seven upper-level psychology electives within content areas including developmental, physiological, social, abnormal, cognitive or personality psychology. Students are required to complete a minimum of two electives at the 400-level to provide familiarity with peer-reviewed sources, but may choose electives in any content areas that are in keeping with their academic or professional interests. Students are also required to complete two semesters of internship and its corequisite senior seminar during their senior year. Students may choose internships in human or social service, forensic/legal, research, medical, school or other placements that are consistent with their goals and interests and approved by the college. All students will spend a minimum of approximately 15 hours per week in internship-related activities. In the senior seminar, students discuss issues pertaining to their internship experiences and professional development (e.g., ethics, supervision, cultural diversity, applying to graduate school) that culminates in the development of a senior paper. The senior experience is designed to enhance the student’s studies in psychology, career development and preparation for graduate study or vocational placement.

Psychology Minor

The psychology minor is designed to enhance a student’s academic experience and to provide background for those planning to pursue careers in any field that involves dealing with people. Students wishing to minor in psychology must complete 15 credits. Students are required to complete PSY 101, two of the following courses: PSY 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208; and two additional three-credit psychology electives at any level.

Course Requirements

Psychology
Degree: B.A.

Course Requirements for the Major:

In the specific areas of concentration:

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Psychology courses required by program:

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Total Credits: 41
Seven additional psychology elective courses are required, with courses chosen from at least four of the following fundamental areas and including at least two courses at the 400-level.

**Developmental Psychology**

- PSY 353 Social Psychology of Aging.......................... 3
- PSY 363 Human Sexuality........................................... 3
- PSY 453 Developmental Psychopathology...................... 3
- PSY 463 Special Topics in Dev Psychology...................... 3

Total Credits: 12

**Physiological Psychology**

- PSY 364 Neuropsychology.......................................... 3
- PSY 454 Drugs and Behavior........................................ 3
- PSY 464 Special Topics Physiological Psychology............. 3

Total Credits: 9

**Social Psychology**

- PSY 355 Group Dynamics............................................. 3
- PSY 365 Forensic Psychology....................................... 3
- PSY 455 Multicultural Psychology............................... 3
- PSY 465 Special Topics in Social Psychology................... 3

Total Credits: 12

**Abnormal Psychology**

- PSY 356 Theories of Counseling.................................... 3
- PSY 366 Psychological Assessment................................. 3
- PSY 456 Behavior Modifications.................................... 3
- PSY 466 Special Topics in Abnormal Psychology................ 3

Total Credits: 12

**Cognitive Psychology**

- PSY 357 Sensation and Perception.................................. 3
- PSY 367 Psychology of Consciousness............................. 3
- PSY 467 Special Topics in Cognitive Psychology............... 3

Total Credits: 9

**Personality**

- PSY 358 Psychology of Human Relations........................ 3
- PSY 368 Stress & Adjustment....................................... 3
- PSY 458 Psychology of Gender..................................... 3
- PSY 468 Special Topics in Personality............................ 3

Total Credits: 12

**Core requirements: 58**

**Required Psychology courses: 41**

**Elective Psychology courses: 21**

Total: 120

**Academic Standards**

Academic regulations for psychology are in addition to general college policies for all part-time and full-time students. Part-time and full-time students must meet all the academic regulations listed below.

1. Grade and G.P.A. requirements
   a. Freshman academic requirements:
      1. Students must maintain a semester and cumulative average of a minimum of 2.0.
      2. Students must maintain a minimum grade of C in courses required for the major.
      3. Students who fail to meet these requirements are placed on program probation where they will remain for two semesters (see B.1 and B.2 Probationary Standing).
      4. Students are permitted to repeat a course once. Permission to repeat a course must be obtained from the faculty in that course on a space-available basis.
b. Sophomore, junior and senior academic requirements:
   1. Students must maintain a semester and cumulative average of a minimum of 2.33.
   2. Students must maintain a minimum grade of C in all courses required for the major.
   3. Students who fail to meet these requirements are placed on program probation where they will remain for two full-time semesters (see B.1 and B.2, Probationary Standing).
   4. Students are permitted to repeat a course once. Permission to repeat a course must be obtained from the faculty in that course on a space-available basis.

   c. Psychology elective academic requirements
   1. Students must achieve a C or better in seven psychology electives covering at least four areas and with at least two at the 400 level.
   2. Students earning less than a C in any psychology elective may:
      a. Choose to repeat the course when it is next offered
      b. Choose to take a different elective to apply towards the major (in which case, the student cannot apply the elective graded below a C towards the psychology major)

2. Probationary standing:
   a. Students who are placed on program probation have the following limitations:
      1. Students who are placed on probation will be limited to no more than 13 credit hours per semester.
      2. Students will remain on probation for two full-time semesters, during which time they must fulfill the conditions of probation or be dismissed from the program.
      3. Students with probationary status must have the permission of the internship supervisor before registering for PSY 469/PSY 489 or PSY 470/PSY 490. In order to obtain this permission, students must demonstrate the ability to meet academic and professional standards of the program required for the internship experience.
   b. Students on program probation are required to meet the following conditions in two full-time semesters or be dismissed from the program:
      1. Freshmen must maintain a semester and cumulative average of a minimum of 2.0
      2. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors must maintain a semester and cumulative average of a minimum of 2.33
      3. All students must meet with their academic advisor at least three times during the probationary semester; it is the responsibility of the student to coordinate these meetings
      4. All students must maintain a minimum grade of C in all courses required in the major.
   c. Previously dismissed students who reapply and are re-accepted into the program will be on program probation for two full-time semesters.

Admission Requirements

Freshman Admission
Applicants must meet the following three criteria:

   1. Combined SAT scores of at least 980 (or ACT equivalent score of 19)
   2. A high school average of at least 80 percent
   3. A high school rank in the upper half of the class

Transfer Admission
Students must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.33. Transfer credits will be determined on a case-by-case basis to assess adaptability to curriculum requirements.

Each student accepted into the program must submit a letter of intent prior to course registration.

Liberal Arts Department
A student seeking to become a liberally educated person needs exposure, in breadth and in depth, to the humanities and the social sciences.

These studies, concerned not merely with information but with values, help the student's development as a total person. This implies not only intellectual and social development, but also maturity in assessing the values essential to a sound philosophy of life. The department of liberal arts offers degrees in English, global studies, history, liberal studies for education, psychology, sociology and philosophy. Requirements for these programs are listed in the courses of instruction section of this catalog. Courses are also offered in foreign languages, fine arts and religious studies.
Students within the department must maintain a minimum 2.00 grade point average in courses taken at D'Youville in their major subject area.