REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS
(class of 2024 and beyond)

The major consists of eleven courses:

☐ Three **CORE** courses; to be completed by the end of the junior year
  - PSYC 101 Principles of Psychology
  - PSYC 218 Statistics
  - PSYC 261 Research Methods or ED/PY 262 Community-Based Research Methods

☐ Three **FOUNDATION** courses. 1)_____________ 2)_____________ 3)_____________
  All 200-level courses listed in psychology or cross-listed with psychology fulfill this requirement, as do the courses listed below:
  - NS/PY 160. Introduction to Neuroscience. (Biological.)

☐ Three **UPPER-LEVEL** courses. 1)_____________ 2)_____________ 3)_____________
  All 300-level courses listed in psychology or cross-listed with psychology fulfill this requirement. At least two of the required 300-level courses must be taken at Bates.

☐ Students take one course with a **CONNECTION** to psychology
  The purpose of this requirement is to help students make connections between psychology and other fields that study behavior and mental processes. In order for a course to fulfill this requirement, students must provide a brief description of the connections they see between the course and behavior or mental processes. One-credit courses at any level and from any department or program may be considered for this requirement, including first-year seminars. Half-credit courses, courses listed in or cross-listed with psychology, and first-year seminars taught by psychology faculty may not fulfill this requirement.

☐ **Additional Requirements**
  - One class must have content related to inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility, denoted by (IDEA.).
  - One class must have content related to the brain, denoted by (Biological.).

☐ One **CAPSTONE** course from among the following:
  - PSYC 457B, 458B. Senior Thesis/Community Based Research.
  - PSYC 457C, 458C. Senior Thesis/Theoretical and Review Integration.
  - PSYC 457D, 458D. Empirical Research Thesis Seminar

  Any other capstone seminar in psychology, neuroscience, or cross-listed in neuroscience.

  • Short Term courses may not be counted toward the major for Class of 2024 and beyond.
  • It is recommended that students take no more than twelve courses in the major, including the thesis.
  • Students may transfer no more than two courses taken outside Bates College to the psychology major.

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