

department of

PSYCHOLOGY

UNT Psychology Department Degree Information

With any questions, stop by the Psychology Advising office (**Terrill Hall 330**), check out website <http://psychology.unt.edu/undergraduate-program/advising> or email PSYCAdivising@unt.edu
It is important to file a degree plan with the psychology advising office by the end of your sophomore year.



Bachelor of Arts

- 35 PSYC hours total:
 - 17 hours of required core courses +
 - 18 hours of electives (9 of which must be advanced courses)
- GPA of 2.5 in major and overall GPA of 2.0

Bachelor of Science

- 35 PSYC hours total:
 - 23 hours of required core courses, with an Honor's Thesis, +
 - 12 hours of electives (3 of which must be advanced courses)
- GPA of 3.5 in major and overall GPA of 3.0

How do I know which Advisor to meet with?

General Academic Advising in GAB 220 – by appointment (940) 565-2051

- Questions regarding core coursework, schedule planning, evaluating transfer courses for core credit, advising holds and codes, academic alert/probation/suspension, graduation check (the semester before you intend to graduate)

Psychology Undergraduate Advisors in Terrill Hall 330 – Walk-in Hours (www.psyc.unt.edu/undergraduate-program/advising)

- Declare psychology major, evaluate psychology transfer courses, discuss psychology graduate school, PSYC course placement

Psychology Course Listings

Courses offered vary semester to semester and year to year

PSYC Course Title

- 1500 Mythbusting: Distinguishing Fact from Fallacy
- 1630 General Psychology I**
- 1650 General Psychology II**
- 2317^{+P} Quantitative Methods**
- 2480 Psychosocial Adjustment
- 2580 Health Psychology
- 2600 Interpersonal Behavior
- 2950^{+P} Experimental Methods**
- 3100 † Social Psychology
- 3480 Adult Development and Aging
- 3490 Psychology of Women
- 3530 Psychology of the Offender
- 3620 † Developmental Psychology
- 3630^P Intro to Psychological Measurement**
- 3640 Marital Adjustment
- 4020 Psychology of Death and Dying
- 4110^P Interviewing for Paraprofessionals in Psychology
- 4300 Psychosocial Issues in HIV/AIDS (*Fall*)
- 4470 Sexual Behavior
- 4510* Psychology Practicum (see side for information)
- 4520 † Personality
- 4600 History and Systems of Psychology**
- 4610 †^P Abnormal Psychology
- 4620^P Abnormal Child Psychology
- 4640 † Psychophysiology
- 4670 Behavioral and Biopsychosocial Challenges within LGBT Communities (*Spring*)
- 4690 †^P Introduction to Learning and Memory
- 4700^P Psychobiology of Stress: The Mind-Body Connection
- 4800 † Introduction to Perception and Cognition
- 4900* Special Problems (see side for information)
- 4950**^P Honors Thesis**

Bold type indicates required core courses for major
Bold Italicized type indicates extra required courses of B.S.
^P Courses with prerequisite requirements
 * Courses requiring faculty permission (see below)
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 † Elective courses recommended for those applying to Graduate Programs in Psychology

All **3000** or **4000** level course numbers are considered advanced courses and have the prerequisite of PSYC 1630 OR 1650 unless otherwise indicated.

We advise taking **PSYC 2317** and **PSYC 2950** as early as possible after completing **MATH 1680** or **MATH 1681**. This will allow you time to get involved with research (great preparation for graduate school or future career opportunities).

*Participation in **4900** and **4510** is at the discretion of UNT faculty members. You must have approval from (a) supervisor at Practicum site and (b) from a UNT faculty member who agreed to serve as your Faculty Director before enrolling in 4510. The 1-3 credit hours is determined by supervising faculty member and depends on the scope and time spent on 4510 or 4900.
NOTE: A maximum of 9 credit hours may be earned of 4510 and 4900.

You should be enrolled in **4950 during the semester you plan to complete the required research project for the B.S. It is your responsibility to find a faculty member willing to supervise you. Participation is at the discretion of the faculty member. Time to complete the Honor's Thesis depends on your progress on the research topic chosen.

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MAJOR TYPES OF PSYCHOLOGY

With training in these types of psychology, there are almost unlimited opportunities to specialize. A few of these are: forensics, sports, gender, LGBT studies, cross-cultural, psychology and law, gerontology, children and adolescents, marriage and family, severe psychological disorders, substance abuse, vocational, therapy, hospital patients with physical or mental problems, for working in medical clinics, private practice, teaching, research, consulting, and rehabilitation.

Some useful resources are: www.apa.org/about/division.html and www.gradschools.com/psychologysearch.html.

Applied Experimental (www.apa.org/division-21)

Clinical (www.div12.org)

Clinical Neuropsychology (www.div40.org)

Community (www.scra27.org/)

Comparative (www.apa.org/divisions/div6/)

Counseling (www.div17.org)

Corrections (www.apa.org/divisions/div18/)

Developmental (www.ecp.fiu.edu/APA/div7/)

Educational (www.apa.org/divisions/div15/)

Forensic (www.apadivisions.org/division-41)

Health/Behavior Medicine (www.health-psych.org/)

History & Systems (shp.yorku.ca/)

Industrial/Organizational (www.siop.org/)

Physiological (www.apa.org/divisions/div6/)

Psychopharmacology (www.apa.org/divisions/div28/)

Quantitative Psychology (www.apa.org/divisions/div5/)

School (www.indiana.edu/~div16/index.html)

Social and Personality (www.spsp.org/; www.socialpsychology.org/)

PLANNING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

If you are thinking about applying to graduate school, we recommend coming in to speak with an advisor early in your undergraduate career. In addition, there are many published reference guides and websites for finding a graduate program in psychology, such as: www.gradschools.com and www.apa.org for accredited programs. The best advice is to obtain information from the schools you are interested in applying to and find out the requirements of those programs.

Research

Students interested in pursuing careers in psychology should become actively involved in research very early in their undergraduate career. These opportunities are made available by completing the undergraduate research application, found at www.psyc.unt.edu at the beginning of each semester. Early completion of PSYC 2317 & 2950 will enable you to participate on research teams.

Clinical Experience

Some applied programs may want you to have had some practical experience. For example, clinical and counseling psychology graduate programs typically think it is important that a student has prior experience in a counseling-type role. You can volunteer on your own or look for part time/summer jobs. Additionally, you can receive course credit for a volunteer position or job through PSYC 4510. Contact the UNT volunteer center (940) 565-3021 for assistance in finding volunteer opportunities.

GPA & GRE

A higher GPA is always better, **especially in your psychology courses**. Programs vary in their competitiveness and thus in their GPA requirements. **Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology**; for information about UNT's Psi Chi chapter, access the Department website at www.psyc.unt.edu. Most graduate schools require that you take the **Graduate Record Examination (GRE)**. There is also a psychology subject portion of the GRE, which some schools require.