Career Options

Along with traditional health care professions serviced by the premedicine or predental majors, you may train for a related field of employment or further graduate study, where a psychology background may be valuable.

Our graduates have sought entry into fields such as health psychology, cognitive and brain science, neurosciences and physiological psychology, as well as the more traditional clinical and counseling psychology. Most graduate programs to prepare for these careers do not require an undergraduate degree in psychology; a concentration of courses relevant to the profession is all that is necessary.

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Overview

One of the advantages of choosing a degree in premedicine or predentistry at the University of Dayton is the flexibility associated with the curriculum. Here, you’ll receive a broad-based foundation in the sciences and humanities while satisfying the entry requirements of health care professional schools.

Many students have used the flexibility to declare a minor, and psychology is a popular choice. By following the recommended course list, the psychology minor can be tailored to fit your future career goals. Through the program, you’ll satisfy the credit requirements for the psychology minor while focusing on topics valuable to a future in health or medicine.

Curriculum

As part of the curriculum, you will complete the core courses required for premedical or predental majors, as well as those required for a minor in psychology.

A minor in psychology requires 18 hours of psychology courses, including:

- **PSY 101** – Introductory Psychology
- One course from each of the two core areas:
  - **Area 1**
    - **PSY 321** – Cognitive Processes
    - **PSY 322** – Learning
    - **PSY 323** – Psychology of Perception
    - **PSY 422** – Physiological Psychology
  - **Area 2**
    - **PSY 341** – Social Psychology
    - **PSY 351** – Child Psychology
    - **PSY 361** – Personality
    - **PSY 363** – Abnormal Psychology
- Nine hours of upperlevel (300/400) psychology courses.

  Only three hours of the following courses may count toward the minor:
  - **PSY 490** – Internship
  - **PSY 493** – Independent Study
  - **PSY 494** – Readings
  - **PSY 497** – Service Learning Experience

Suggested Courses for Psychology Minor

Take all of the following core courses (nine credit hours):

- **PSY 101** – Introductory Psychology
- **PSY 321** – Cognitive Processes
- **PSY 351** – Child Psychology
  or
- **PSY 422** – Physiological Psychology
- **PSY 351** – Child Psychology
  or
- **PSY 363** – Abnormal Psychology

Take three of the following electives (nine credit hours):

- **PSY 323** – Psychology of Perception
- **PSY 353** – Psychology of Adult Development and Aging
- **PSY 355** – Developmental Psychopathology
- **PSY 361** – Personality
- **PSY 366** – Health Psychology
- **PSY 461** – Current Implications of Drug Dependency
- **PSY 462** – Human Sexuality
- Any of the alternate core courses

To learn more about these courses, visit catalog.udayton.edu.