



Premedical Programs



Premedical Programs And the Department of Psychology

Premedicine/Predentistry Major

Psychology Minor

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MED-DEN Major PSY Minor

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MED-DEN Major / PSY Minor Curriculum

Rationale

One of the advantages in choosing a degree in either Premedicine or Pre dentistry is the flexibility associated with the curriculum while enrolled at the University of Dayton. The major allows the student to achieve a breadth in either the sciences or the humanities while satisfying the entry requirements of health care professional schools. Many students have used the flexibility to declare a minor, and a very popular minor concentration is Psychology.

Given the popularity of Psychology as a minor, the Premedical Programs Office and the Department of Psychology formed a cooperation to produce a Psychology minor curriculum that satisfies the credit requirements for the minor and focuses on topics of value to a future health care professional.

Although the courses in this curriculum are only recommended, it is believed that choosing the recommended courses will provide a powerful combination independent of the student's ultimate career goals.

Career Possibilities

Along with traditional health care professions serviced by the MED or DEN major, students may train for a related field of employment or further graduate study, where a psychology background may be valuable. Students may seek entry into fields such as health psychology, cognitive and brain science, neurosciences, physiological psychology, as well as the more traditional clinical and counseling psychology. Most graduate programs do not require an undergraduate degree in psychology but a concentration of courses of relevance to the profession is necessary.



Possible Curriculum

The student completes the core courses required by the MED or DEN majors and completes a minor in psychology.

A minor in psychology requires 18 psychology hours, including PSY101, one course from each of the two core areas (PSY321, 322, 323, and 422) and (PSY341, 351, 361, and 363) and an additional 9 hours of upper level (300/400) psychology courses. Only 3 hours of PSY490, 493, 494, or 497 may count toward the minor.

Suggested Courses

PSY101 (Introductory Psychology)
PSY321 (Cognitive Psychology) or **PSY422** (Physiological Psychology)
PSY351 (Child Psychology) or **PSY363** (Abnormal Psychology)

And 9 hours of electives from:

PSY323 (Perception)
PSY353 (Psychology of Adult Development and Aging)
PSY355 (Developmental Psychopathology – Child Psychology is a pre-requisite)
PSY361 (Personality)
PSY461 (Current Implications of Drug Dependency)
PSY462 (Human Sexuality)
Health Psychology (which has been taught as a special topics course) or the second courses from the core choices above

For a look into Psychology related careers, please consult www.udayton.edu/~psych/handbook/TABLEO~1.HTM#_Career_Information