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Psychology Department

The psychology program is shaped by the concept of psychology as a liberal art as well as a rigorous science. To this end, it is engaged in the enterprise of questioning and rethinking the discipline of psychology. This task is approached both through recovering the experiential basis of psychology and through reflection upon the philosophical, historical and cultural traditions that inform psychology. We in the Psychology Department are dedicated to the project of helping to articulate a viable direction for the discipline of psychology – one that is faithful to its roots in classical philosophy while being informed by more contemporary intellectual traditions.

The program relies on this original sense of psychology as a discipline in order to appreciate the manner in which the psyche has been formulated in many different schools of thought.

Original writings of important figures in the history of psychological thought are read for their contributions to an understanding of psychological life in the Western traditions.

Active research and writing is expected of you; original reflection is as important as detailed scholarship. Research seminars during the junior and senior years provide occasions for you and faculty to work together.

Senior Thesis

To satisfy the requirement for a comprehensive examination, majors write a thesis during their senior year. These are evaluated by the psychology faculty and must be completed satisfactorily prior to the oral exam. Oral defense of the thesis in April of the senior year completes the comprehensive requirement.

Psychology Four-Year Plan:

Freshman Year

English 1301	3		English 1302	3
History 1311	3		History 1312	3
Psychology 1311	3		Theology 1310	3
Philosophy 1301	3		Art, Drama, Music or Math	3
Language 1301 or 2311	3		Language 1301 or 2312	3
Fall Semester Credits	**15**		**Spring Semester Credits**	**15**

Sophomore Year (Actual schedule depends on when you go to Rome.)

English 2311 and 2312	6
History 2301 and 2302	6
Philosophy 2323	3
Theology 2311	3
Psychology 2313	3
Life Science	3
Art, Drama, Music or Math	3
Psychology 3425	4
Total Sophomore Year Credits	**31**

Junior Year

Psychology 3330	3		Elective	3
Psychology 3432	4		Psychology 3339	3
Philosophy 3311	3		Psychology Elective	3
Language or Elective	3		Politics 1311	3
Economics 1311	3		Language or Elective	3
			Elective	3
Fall Semester Credits	**16**		**Spring Semester Credits**	**18**

Senior Year

Psychology 4333	3		Elective	3
Psychology Elective	3		Psychology 4348	3
Psychology Elective	3		Psychology Elective	3
Physical Science	4		Electives	6
Elective	3			
Fall Semester Credits	**16**		**Spring Semester Credits**	**15**

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Industrial/Organizational Psych. Concentration

The concentration in industrial/organizational (I/O) psychology is a 19-hour curriculum in psychological foundations necessary to understand human behavior and experience in the workplace. Students learn the principles involved in areas of personnel selection, training and evaluation. The concentration will appeal to psychology majors pursuing graduate work in I/O psychology, business majors interested in human resource management or organizational behavior, and students with similar interests.

The M.Psy. Through-Plan

Undergraduates in psychology may earn the M.Psy. after approximately two semesters of course work beyond the bachelor's degree. The M.Psy. requires 30 credits and a comprehensive examination. You may apply to the Psychology Department for admission at the end of your junior year. Undergraduate psychology students seeking to pursue the M.A. degree will be required to satisfy the Braniff Graduate School's language requirement. Additionally, completion of the M.A. degree requires the development of a thesis. In light of these additional requirements, completion of the M.A. in psychology requires more than one calendar year.

Action Items for Psychology Majors:

- **Join campus clubs and organizations** that support your interests, like **Psi Chi,** the **National Honor Society for Psychology** and the **Psychology Club**. Explore what various organizations have to offer and what skills you can offer in return.

- **Explore electives beyond your psychology coursework**. While the Core curriculum will teach you to present complex ideas clearly and persuasively, electives from other departments, such as business, art or philosophy, could benefit your career as well.

- **Work with your academic adviser** and the Office of Personal Career Development to explore internships, research and volunteer opportunities that will complement your study of psychology. Because UD students develop particularly good research skills and a sharp eye for detail, many organizations are interested in recruiting them.

- **Present your research** to the wider community. Work with your academic adviser to find opportunities to present at an academic conference or other appropriate venue.

Applying your interests, skills and values in a changing world

Some examples of current and recent psychology student research opportunities and internships include:

Research Assistant, University of Notre Dame
Treatment Intern, Son-Rise Autism
Intern, Real Time Resolutions

Professional destinations of recent psychology major graduates include:

Television Bookings, Republican National Committee
English Teacher, Cultural Ambassadors
Youth Programs Specialist, Mothers Against Drunk Driving
Mortgage Relationship Manager, Residential Credit Solutions Inc.
Psychiatric Technician, Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute
Literacy Specialist, Americorps
Occupational Therapy Technician, Greater Therapy Center
Clinical Assistant, Seton Shoal Hospital, Austin, Texas
Veteran Transitional Specialist, HireHeroes
Mental Health Technician, Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital

Graduate schools selected by recent psychology major graduates include:

University of Denver
University of Notre Dame
St. Edwards University
University of North Texas
Marymount University
Texas Tech University

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