

B.A. in Psychology

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ADMISSION

Completion of any Level I program with a Cumulative Average of at least 3.5 including:
3 units PSYCH 1X03 with a grade of at least C-

NOTES

1. One of MATH 1A03, 1F03, 1K03, 1LS3 or 1M03 must be completed by the end of Level II. Completion in Level I is strongly recommended.
2. SOC SCI 2J03 must be completed by the end of Level II. As of September 2008, STATS 1A03 or 1CC3 will no longer be offered. Students with credit in STATS 1A03 or 1CC3 may use the credit towards fulfilling this requirement.
3. PSYCH 1XX3 and one of BIOLOGY 1A03, 1M03 (or 1AA3) or 1P03 (or 1K03) or Grade 12 Bio U are strongly recommended and serve as prerequisites for some upper-level Psychology courses. Students are strongly encouraged to check requisites carefully.
4. Students wishing to take PSYCH 3Q03 and 3QQ3 must complete and submit a pre-registration ballot by mid February. Students will be informed of the outcome by mid March. Specific dates will be announced during the fall term. Ballots can be obtained on the Department of Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour web site at: <http://www.mcmaster.ca/psychology>

PSYCHOLOGY COURSE LIST 1

PSYCH 2AA3, 2AP3, 2B03, 2C03, 2I03, 2S03, 3AB3, 3AC3, 3AG3, 3BA3, 3BB3, 3C03, 3CB3, 3CC3, 3CD3, 3F03, 3FA3, 3K03, 3M03, 3N03, 3Q03, 3QQ3, 3T03, 3U03, 3UU3, 3VV3, 3YY3

REQUIREMENTS

90 units total (Levels I to III), of which 42 units may be Level I

LEVEL I: 30 UNITS (See Admission)

LEVEL II: 30 UNITS

- 3 units SOC SCI 2J03 (See Note 2)
- 9 units Level II Psychology where at least six units must be from PSYCH 2AA3 (Developmental), 2AP3 (Abnormal Psychology), 2B03 (Personality), 2C03 (Social Psych), 2S03 (Psych & Aging)
- 3 units from MATH 1A03, 1F03, 1K03, 1LS3, 1M03 (See Note 1)
- 9 units Electives, excluding Psychology
- 6 units Electives

*If requirement completed in Level I, these units will be taken as non-psychology electives.

LEVEL III: 30 UNITS

- 12 units from Course List I, of which at least nine units must be from Level III
- 12 units Electives, excluding Psychology
- 6 units Electives

In Level III, students have a variety of subject areas to choose from such as Adolescent Psych (3AB3), Human Sexuality (3AC3), Aging (3AG3), Positive Psychology (3BA3), Attitudes and Beliefs (3CB3), Forensic Psychology (3CC3), and Intergroup Relations (3CD3). Students also have the opportunity to do an Individual Library (3Q03) or Individual Lab Study (3QQ3) under a faculty supervisor.

The types of entry-level jobs for which undergraduate psychology majors are typically prepared are those that use "people skills" (e.g., communicating with and relating to individuals from diverse backgrounds as is required for case workers, counselor's aides, and in sales, marketing, personnel, and management positions), *analytical skills* (e.g., figuring out why a certain problem occurs and how to minimize or eliminate it), *writing skills* (e.g., writing a logically developed report), and *research skills* (e.g., using statistics, tables, and graphs to analyze problems and communicate relevant findings). These skills can be used in a wide variety of work settings such as human services, business, criminal justice, health and recreation, and education.