

Psychology Major with Pre-Occupational Therapy Emphasis

Psychology majors will find the profession of occupational therapy to be an exciting option for their career development with a masters or doctorate degree in occupational therapy. As an occupational therapy practitioner, you can work with clients of all ages from infancy to the older populations in various wellness, school, long term care, and other health care settings. In addition, you will have many career options that will build on your expertise of dealing with psychosocial issues of individuals as well as population related concerns. Go to the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) website for more details about OT careers: <http://www.aota.org>

Courses needed as prerequisites for Belmont's OT doctoral program include: Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II (with labs), Statistics, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology OR Introduction to Anthropology, Abnormal Psychology, Medical Terminology, and Biology. Application to other occupational therapy schools will have similar requirements but should be verified with the intended university. Lifespan Development is a strongly recommended course as well as courses such as effective writing, public speaking, computer literacy, and physics.

The table on the next page shows a psychology major with appropriate courses in general education (e.g., writing), psychology major courses, and the prerequisites for admission to OT graduate school. This table is a skeleton for the four years – you will need to fill in other courses to complete general education, your minor, and other general electives. Your academic advisor in psychology can help you plan the remainder of your coursework. It will be important to meet with him or her each semester to discuss your academic progress and your career plans.

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First Year	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
	PSY 1200 (Intro Psych)	4	PSY 1000 (Intro Seminar in Psych)	1
	First Year Seminar	3	Linked cohort courses BIO 1010 & COM or SOC	7
	First Year Writing	3	PSY 2800 (Lifespan Development)	3
	GND 1050 (Computer Proficiency)	0	BIO 2110 (Medical Terminology)	1
Second Year	MTH 1150 or 1151 (Statistics)	3	MTH 1080 or CSC 1020	3
	PSY 3210 (Abnormal Psych)	3	PSY without 2400 prereq.@	3
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Third Year	BIO 2230 (A&P I)	4	BIO 2240 (A&P II)	4
	Third Year Writing	3	PSY 2600 (Research Methods II)	3
	Junior Cornerstone (XXX3015)	3	PSY - any level	3
	COM 1100 or SOC 1010	3	PSY - 4000 level	3
Fourth Year	PSY - 4000 Level	3	PSY 4210 (History and Systems)	3
	PSY 4000 (Senior Capstone in Psych)	1	CAS Capstone	1

*Consult with your academic advisor regarding PSY courses that do not carry PSY 2400 as prerequisites

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Requirements for a Major in Psychology (B.S.)

General Education Core Requirements 59-65 hours

MTH 1080, Mathematical Inquiry *or* CSC 1020, An Introduction to Computer Science
MTH 1150, Elementary Statistics *or* MTH 1151, Elementary Statistics for the Sciences
PSY 1200, Introduction to Psychological Science (a 4 hr lab science course)

Major requirements 33 hours

Take all of the following courses (12 hours)

PSY 1000, Introductory Seminar in Psychology (a 1 hr course) PSY
2400, Research Methods I (4 hr course with lab) PSY 2600,
Research Methods II PSY 4000, Senior Capstone Seminar in
Psychology (a 1 hr course) PSY 4210, History and Systems of
Psychology

Six hours chosen from the following

PSY 3210, Abnormal Psychology PSY
3240, Psychology of Personality PSY
3300, Social Psychology PSY 3320,
Psychometrics

Six hours chosen from the following

PSY 4240, Psychology of Learning PSY
4350, Physiological Psychology PSY
4400, Psychology of Perception PSY
4500, Cognitive Psychology

Three hours chosen from the following

PSY 2800, Life Span Development PSY 3100, Child
Development PSY 3470, Psychology of Adolescence PSY
3550, Psychology of Adulthood & Aging Psychology

Six hours of Psychology electives (To be chosen from the courses listed below or any of the above courses not used to fulfill a requirement) PSY 1990-4990, Special Studies PSY 3040, Death and Dying PSY 3250, Cross Cultural Psychology PSY 3350, Industrial and Organizational Psychology PSY 3420, Clinical Psychology PSY 3620, Group Dynamics PSY 3700, Human Sexuality PSY 4700, Advanced Study in Psychology PSY 4800, Senior Seminar PSY 3900-4900, Practicum in Psychology