

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/Students/Prospective/38202.aspx>

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 below shows a psychology major with appropriate courses in general education (e.g., writing, public speaking) 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.

	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
First Year	PSY 1200 (Intro Psych)	4	PSY 1000 (Intro Seminar in Psych)	1
	First Year Seminar	3	Linked cohort courses BIO 1010 and 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 1151 (Statistics)	3	Math 1080 or CSC 1020	3
	PSY 3210 (Abnormal Psychology)	3	PSY Elective	3
	PSY Elective	3	PSY 2400 (Research Methods)	4
Third Year	BIO 2230 (A&P I)	4	BIO 2240 (A&P II)	4
	Third Year Writing	3	PSY – 4000 level lab course*	4
	Junior Cornerstone (XXX 3015)	3	COM 1100 or SOC 1010	3
	PSY – 4000 level lab course*	4		
Fourth Year	PSY 4000 (PSY senior capstone)	3	PSY – 4000 level lab course*	4
	PSY – 4000 level lab course*	4	CAS Capstone	1

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Major in Psychology (B.S. or B.A.)

General Education Core Requirements		59-65
MTH 1080 or CSC 1020	3	
MTH 1150 OR MTH 1151	3	
PSY 1200, Introduction to Psychological Science	4	
Major requirements		36
PSY 1000, Introductory Seminar in Psychology	1	1
PSY 2400, Research Methods	4	4
PSY 4000, Senior Capstone Seminar in Psychology	3	3
Eight hours chosen from the following*		8
PSY 4150, Health Psychology	4	
PSY 4200, Personality Psychology	4	
PSY 4300, Social Psychology	4	
PSY 4320, Psychometrics	4	8
Eight hours chosen from the following*		
PSY 4240, Learning and Conditioning	4	
PSY 4350, Physiological Psychology	4	
PSY 4400, Sensation and Perception	4	
PSY 4500, Cognitive Psychology	4	
Psychology Electives (To be chosen from the courses listed below or any of the a courses not used to fulfill a requirement, Three hours must be from a development course: PSY 2800, PSY 3040, PSY 3100,PSY 3470, or PSY 3550).		12
PSY 1990-4990, Special Studies**	1-3	
PSY 2800, Life Span Development	3	
PSY 3040, Death and Dying	3	
PSY 3100, Child Development	3	
PSY 3210, Abnormal Psychology	3	
PSY 3250, Cross Cultural Psychology	3	
PSY 3350, Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3	
PSY 3420, Clinical Psychology	3	
PSY 3440, Positive Psychology	3	
PSY 3470, Psychology of Adolescence	3	
PSY 3550, Psychology of Adulthood & Aging	3	
PSY 3620, Group Dynamics	3	
PSY 3700, Human Sexuality	3	
PSY 4210, History and Systems of Psychology	3	
PSY 4700, Advanced Study in Psychology	3	
PSY (3900-4900), Practicum in Psychology**	3	
** Only three (3) hours of Special Studies or Practicum may be counted toward requirements in the major or minor		
Minor Requirements		18
General Electives		9-15
Total		128

* All 4000 level PSY courses have PSY 2400 as a prerequisite