

NEVADA STATE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS, SCIENCES, & BUSINESS

PSYCHOLOGY (Developmental Specialization), B.A.

COLLEGE CORE CURRICULUM (31-45 CREDITS)

Unless otherwise noted, please refer to the Nevada State catalog for full list of Core requirements. Classes in the major requirements may be used to satisfy the Core requirements; consult an Academic Advisor for details. Note: A single course cannot fulfill more than one core requirement.

 ENGLISH 3-8 CREDITS

Nevada State students can be placed into English courses by submitting ACT or SAT scores or by completing the Directed Self Placement survey to better guide their placement. Students who complete Composition II will satisfy the Core Curriculum Composition requirement. Typically, students take Composition I during their first semester at the college and Composition II during the second semester.

- English Composition I (ENG 100, 101, or 116) 3-5
 English Composition II 3

 STUDY AND TECHNOLOGY SKILLS 0-3 CREDITS

Transfer students with 30 or more transferrable college credits or Nevada State students who complete the Napanla Summer Bridge Program with an average GPA of 3.0 or greater will be able to waive the Study and Technology Skills Core Requirement.

- College Success (CEP 123 or ALS 101N) 2-3

 MATHEMATICS 3-5 CREDITS

Nevada State students can be placed into Math courses by submitting ACT or SAT scores or by completing the Math Directed Self-Placement survey to better guide their placement. Please see your degree outline and/or consult an Academic Advisor regarding your specific major requirements.

 NATURAL SCIENCES 7-8 CREDITS

Students are required to take two science courses, at least one of which must include an associated laboratory component. Classes in the major may satisfy this requirement. Please see your degree outline and/or consult an Academic Advisor.

- Natural Science Core 3-4
 Natural Science Core with Lab 4

SOCIAL SCIENCES 3 CREDITS
Classes in the major may satisfy this requirement. Please see your degree outline and/or consult an Academic Advisor.

FINE ARTS 3 CREDITS

HUMANITIES 6 CREDITS
Classes in the major may satisfy this requirement. Please see your degree outline and/or consult an Academic Advisor.

- Humanities Core 3
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CONSTITUTION 3-6 CREDITS

Completion of US and NV Constitutions required. Complete either one US Constitution course and one NV Constitution course or complete one course that fulfills both US and NV Constitutions (CH 203 or PSC 101).

- Nevada Constitution 0-3
 United States Constitution 0-3

CULTURAL DIVERSITY 3 CREDITS
Classes in the major may satisfy this requirement. Please see your degree outline and/or consult an Academic Advisor.

For a full breakdown of requirements for the Psychology major, please refer to accompanying "Major Degree Checklist"

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (10 CREDITS)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (48-49 CREDITS)

ADDITIONAL GENERAL ELECTIVES (18-31 CREDITS)

TOTAL CREDITS FOR DEGREE (120 CREDITS)

Check box when requirement is satisfied

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All courses used to fulfill major requirements must be completed with a minimum C-. Grades below a C- carry no credit towards major requirements.

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (10 CREDITS)

Social Sciences (6 Credits): 1) ANTH 101 or SOC 101 AND 2) For the Additional Social Science course, choose a different prefix from the core social science course above. Another Social Science Course: ANTH, COM (except 101 or 250), COU, CRJ (except 301 or 302), ECON (except 261 or 262), PSC, SOC (except 210 or 240), WMST

- ANTH 101 | Intro to Cultural Anthropology 3
- OR
- SOC 101 | Principles of Sociology 3
- Elective | Additional Social Science 3

Choose one of the following:

- BIOL 101 † | Biology for Non-Majors 3
- OR
- BIOL 189** † | Fundamentals of Life Science 3
- OR
- BIOL 190** † | Intro to Cell and Molecular Biology 3

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (48-49 CREDITS)

INTRODUCTORY COURSE 3 CREDITS

- PSY 101 | General Psychology 3

METHODS 6 CREDITS

NOTE: Methods courses are only offered as in-person courses. These courses should be completed by the end of a student's sophomore year.

- PSY 210** | Intro to Statistical Methods 3
- PSY 240** | Intro to Research Methods 3

FOUNDATIONS AND PRINCIPLES 12 CREDITS

Choose four courses. Two courses must be selected from Group I and two courses must be selected from Group II.

- PSY | PSY Subgroup I 3
- PSY | PSY Subgroup I 3
- PSY | PSY Subgroup II 3
- PSY | PSY Subgroup II 3

SUBGROUP 1

Choose at least two courses from the following:

- PSY 303** | Foundations of Neuroscience 3
- PSY 305** | Foundations of Perception 3
- PSY 416** | Cognitive Psychology 3
- PSY 420** | Psychology of Learning 3

SUBGROUP 2

Choose at least two courses from the following:

- PSY 341** | Foundations of Abnormal Psychology 3
- PSY 360** | Foundations of Social Psychology 3
- PSY 435** | Personality 3

APPLIED METHODS AND SPECIFIC POPULATIONS 6 CREDITS

Choose two from the following:

- COU 320** | Drugs and Behavior 3
- PSY 307** | Principles of Educational Psychology 3
- PSY 450** | Industrial & Organizational Psychology 3
- PSY 466** | Psychology of Sex 3
- PSY 468** | Psychology of Inequality 3
- PSY 469** | Psychology and the Legal System 3
- PSY 470** | Health Psychology 3
- PSY 481** | Principles of Psychological Assessment 3

DIRECT LEARNING 3-4 CREDITS

Choose one of the following (NOTE: All Direct Learning course options are only offered as in-person courses during Fall and Spring semesters.):

- PSY | PSY Direct Learning 3-4
- PSY 375** | Advanced Undergraduate Research 3

Students design their own empirical study, collect data from participants, and analyze and report their findings in an original research paper and conference-style poster. This option is best suited for those applying to research-oriented graduate programs.

- PSY 490** | Capstone in Psychology 3

Students conduct an extensive literature review on a topic of their choice and synthesize their findings in an original research paper and final presentation. This option is best suited for those wanting to build their professional skills for future employment.

- PSY 497** | Supervised Field Experience 4

Students complete 140 hours of undergraduate field experience (internship) in settings that provide direct clinical services; they also attend class weekly to review theory, discuss ethics, and provide group supervision. This option is best suited for those applying to clinically-oriented graduate programs.

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In the Developmental (DEV) specialization, you will gain a specialized understanding of developmental processes and psychological phenomena across the lifespan. This specialization is a good option for students who want to work with children or settings that support children.

DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIZATION 18 CREDITS**DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIZATION FOUNDATIONS**

PSY 201 | Lifespan Development 3

Select one of the following:

PSY 330** | Foundations of Developmental Psychology: Infancy and Childhood 3

OR

PSY 334** | Foundations of Developmental Psychology: Adolescence and Adulthood 3

DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIZATION ELECTIVES

Select four classes from any of the following; three courses must have a PSY prefix:

PSY 307** | Principles of Educational Psychology 3

PSY 330** | Foundations of Developmental Psychology: Infancy and Childhood 3

PSY 334** | Foundations of Developmental Psychology: Adolescence and Adulthood 3

PSY 416** | Cognitive Psychology 3

PSY 420** | Psychology of Learning 3

PSY 435** | Personality 3

PSY 442** | Psychology of Aging 3

PSY 466** | Psychology of Sex 3

PSY 470** | Health Psychology 3

PSY 481** | Principles of Psychological Assessment 3

SOC 453** | Gender and Society 3

TOTAL CREDITS FOR DEGREE (120 CREDITS)**CONSIDER ADDING A MINOR TO COMPLEMENT YOUR DEGREE. THE FOLLOWING MINORS PAIR WELL WITH THE PSYCHOLOGY DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIZATION BA**

- Counseling
- Education/Instruction
- Gender & Sexuality
- School-Based Mental Health
- Sociology
- Social Justice

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