

PSYCHOLOGY AND LINGUISTICS MAJOR



Degree Awarded	BA
Hours To Complete	45 - 46
Courses Required	13
Department Contact	Linguistics

REQUIREMENTS

I. Basic Psychology Requirements:

- PSYC 110 Intro to Psych I: Psychobiology and Cognition, and
- PSYC 111 Intro to Psych II: Development, Social Behavior and Indiv. Diff.

Students must complete a two-semester sequence in Psychology: PSYC 110 (Introduction to Psychology: Biological Foundation and Cognitive Processes) and PSYC 111 (Introduction to Psychology: Development, Social Behavior, and Individual Differences). These courses will serve to provide all majors with a general orientation towards the methods, content areas, and central findings of Psychology. We recommend that they should be taken before any other Psychology course, **Both PSYC 110 & 111 must be completed by the end of the junior year.** *** Please refer to the note below on PSYC 110 & 111.

- QTM 100 Introduction to Statistical Inference

Because adequate understanding of original source material in Psychology is impossible without basic statistical literacy, students will be required to take a course in statistics. Majors must meet this requirement by taking QTM 100, the statistical inference course offered by the Institute for Quantitative Theory and Methods. The letter grade for QTM 100 must appear on the transcript; a grade of "S" is not acceptable.

- PSYC 200W Laboratory Methods

This course will provide students with a basic understanding of methods in Psychology through actual performance of experiments. Introduction to Statistical Inference (QTM 100) is a prerequisite and therefore must be taken prior to this course. We recommend that students take the sequence in Statistics and Laboratory Methods no later than their junior year in order to maximize the value they obtain from other Psychology courses. PSYC 200W must be completed by the end of the junior year; this course may not be taken in the senior year.

II. Basic Linguistics Requirements

- LING 101 Language Diversity in the US (formerly History of the American Languages)
- LING 201 Foundations of Linguistics
- LING 401W Language, Mind and Society

III. Cognition Requirements:

- PSYC 215 Cognition or PSYC 310 Cognitive Development
- PSYC/LING 309 Brain and Language or PSYC/LING 316 Language Acquisition or PSYC/LING 317 Psycholinguistics

IV. Three electives (two linguistics, one psychology):

- LING elective - Each semester, there are a number of courses cross-listed between Linguistics and both social science departments (e.g., Anthropology, Sociology) and humanities departments (e.g., English, Middle Eastern Studies, Spanish, French and Italian).
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- PSYC elective -note that there are many relevant Psychology courses offered regularly on such topics as animal communication, non-verbal communication, and emotion and communication.

V. Research experience (Directed Research {PSYC 494, PSYC 499, LING 499} OR designated 'Research-Focus' Linguistics course), 3-4 credit hours:

Students complete the major by engaging in a research project with a faculty supervisor (LING 499 or PSYC 494 or 499 Directed Research). This project involves research and analysis based on either original data collection or comprehensive theoretical reading. Alternatively, students may take a Linguistics course with a Research-Focus designation (this designation is indicated on the Linguistics course list circulated to majors every semester). If you choose this option, this course must be an additional course beyond those used to meet other requirements of the major (even if one or more of those were also Research-Focused courses).

Examples of previously taught Research-Focused Linguistics courses:

- *LING 316/PSYC 316 Language Acquisition
- *LING 317/PSYC 317 Psycholinguistics
- LING 342 Language Prejudice
- LING 340W Language Variation and Change
- LING 350 Health Communication
- LING 430R Field Methods in Linguistics
- LING 445W Big/Small Data & Visualization

*Course 316 can be used to meet cognition or research but not both. If 316 is used to meet the research requirement then 309 or 317 must be used for cognition; if 317 is used for research then 309 or 316 must be used for cognition.

A/P Credit: Students who receive AP credit in Psychology will be granted an exemption from PSYC 111. The student will still be required to complete 13 courses total for the major, including the first half of the Introductory Requirement, PSYC 110. Students will need to take AN ADDITIONAL PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVE to fulfill the major.

Transfer Credit: Students who took a one-semester Intro course at another college will probably receive credit for PSYC 111. The student will be required to take 12 additional courses in the major, including the first half of the Introductory Psychology Requirement, PSYC 110.