A college degree in psychology opens the door to one of the most challenging and rewarding professional fields today. Psychology students learn the necessary skills to assist people in improving their mental health; they also gain knowledge and abilities that are valued in many other fields, such as business and politics. At the bachelor's level, psychology graduates are sought in fields like mental health casework statistics, probation and corrections, public relations, health education, social work, human resources, recreational therapy, education, and physician assisting among others.

A - GENERAL EDUCATION CORE - 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education core requirements.

Required

080 - Social and Behavioral Science – 3 hours

Must be outside Psychology.

B - MAJOR REQUIREMENTS - 39 HOURS (33 advanced)

1 – Psychology Core Requirements – 9 hours (3 advanced)

PSYC 2301 General Psychology PSYC 2302 Basic Statistics for Psychologists PSYC 3325 Research Methods in Psychology

2 - Basic Psychology Courses - 15 hours (15 advanced)

Must select 5 of the following 6 areas:

- a. PSYC 3324 Social Psychology
- b. PSYC 3353 Physiological Psychology
- c. PSYC 4313 Abnormal Psychology
- d. PSYC 3332 Developmental Psychology: Infancy through Adolescence OR PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan
- e. PSYC 3345 Psychology of Learning OR PSYC 4318 Theories of Learning
- f. PSYC 3373 Sensation and Perception OR
 - PSYC 4319 Cognitive Psychology

3 – Psychology Electives – 15 hours (15 advanced)

Choose at least one course from each area:

a – Cognitive/Biological Foundations

PSYC 3383 Animal Behavior PSYC 4302 Primate Behavior PSYC 4320 Memory PSYC 4330 Human Motivation PSYC 4356 Mind Body Interactions

b - Developmental/Social/Cultural Foundations

PSYC 3302 Adolescent Psychology PSYC 3333 Psychology of Adulthood: Maturity and Old Age PSYC 3338 Psychology of Gender PSYC 4312 Female and Male PSYC 4326 Cross-Cultural Psychology PSYC 4327 Personal Relationships PSYC 4328 Psychological Issues in the Mexican-American Community

c – Theoretical/Methodological Foundations

PSYC 3343 Tests and Measurements in Psychology PSYC 4303 Advanced Statistics for Psychology PSYC 4333 Theories of Personality PSYC 4363 Systems and Theories in Psychology

d – Applications

PSYC 3305 Behavior Modification PSYC 3340 Stress Management PSYC 4314 Psychopathology of Childhood PSYC 4342 Psychology and Law PSYC 4343 Human Factors PSYC 4357 Industrial and Organizational Psychology PSYC 4360 Clinical and Counseling Psychology

C – FREE ELECTIVES – 31 HOURS (9 advanced)

D – SCIENCE RESTRICTED ELECTIVES – 8 HOURS

In addition to the Life and Physical Sciences requirement in the General Education Core Curriculum, choose 8 hours from any of the following disciplines: astronomy, biology, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, geology, physical science and physics.

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 42 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Graduation requirements

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2018-2019 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.