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*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 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 2017-2018 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.