

LOYOLA PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR CHECKLIST

2025 - 2026

A total of 14 psychology courses plus two ancillary quantitative courses are required. Psychology Honors requires 15 psychology courses including 369/370, plus two ancillary quantitative courses. Seven psychology courses can be fulfilled with courses transferred into Loyola.

Students must take 101, 201, 304, 306, one course for the Diversity and Inclusion Requirement, one course for each of the five Knowledge Pillars, one Advanced Lab Course, and one capstone course (or a 2nd Advanced Lab Course). Students graduating with Psychology Honors must take 369/370 as their Capstone. Remaining courses may be any psychology course except 100.

___ 1. General Psychology (101)	___ 6. Biological Pillar	___ 11. Advanced Lab
___ 2. Psychology Advising & Career Development (201)	___ 7. Cognitive Pillar	___ 12. Elective
___ 3. Statistics (304)	___ 8. Developmental Pillar	___ 13. Elective
___ 4. Research Methods (306)	___ 9. Mental Health Pillar	___ 14. Capstone (Honors 370) or 2 nd Advanced Lab Course
___ 5. Diversity & Inclusion Req	___ 10. Social Pillar	___ 15. Honors Only (369)

___ 1. ___ 2. **Quantitative Requirement:** MATH 108, 117, 118, 131, 132, 161, 162, 215
COMP 125, 150, 170, 180 DSCI 101 STAT 103

Psychology Courses	Prerequisites	Psychology Courses	Prerequisites
Diversity and Inclusion Requirement		Elective Courses	
237 Cross-Cultural Psychology	101	235 Psychology of Human Sexuality	101
238 Psychology of Gender		276 Philosophy of Mind	PHIL 130
239 Understanding Bias and Inclusivity		280 Psyc of Judgment and Decision Making (formerly 279)	PHIL 130
360 Understanding Prejudice	101	332 Affective Neuroscience	101 & NEUR 101
374 Community Psychology	101	338 Personality Psychology	101
Biological Pillar		340 Psychology of Women	101
NEUR 101 Intro to Neuroscience		347 Infancy and Early Childhood	273
240 Psychology and Biology of Perception	101	348 Psychology of Adolescence	273
Cognitive Pillar		349 Maturity and Aging	273
250 Cognitive Psychology	101	350 Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience	101 & NEUR 101
251 Learning and Memory	101 & NEUR 101	352 Neuropsychology	101 & NEUR 101
307 Psychology of Language	101	355 Neuroethics (also PHIL 355)	
382 Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience	101 & NEUR 101	362 Industrial/Organizational Psychology	101
Developmental Pillar		368 Counseling I	101 & MH Pillar
273 Developmental Psychology	101	371 Psychology of Political Behavior	
274 Lifespan Development	101	372 Psychology & Law	101
Mental Health Pillar		373 Health Psychology	101
331 Psychopathology	101	375 Psychology of Addiction	101
346 Psychopathology of Childhood	273	376 Psychology of Religion	
Social Pillar		377 Psychology of Music	101
275 Social Psychology		378 Drugs and Behavior	101 & NEUR 101
Advanced Labs Courses		383 Methods in Computational Neuroscience	see catalog
311 Lab in Psychobiology	306 & Bio Pillar	384 Computational Modeling of the Brain	383
312 Lab In Cognitive Neuroscience	306 & 382	386 Psychology Seminar: Selected Topics	101
313 Lab in Behavioral Neuroscience	306 & 382	387 Seminar in Behav and Cog Neurosci	382 & NRCB Major
314 Lab in Cognition	306 & Cog Pillar	398 Special Topics in Psychology	
315 Lab in Tests & Measurements	306 & MH Pillar	399 Special Studies in Psychology	Permission
316 Lab in Sensation & Perception	306 & Bio Pillar	Capstone Courses	
318 Lab in Developmental Psychology	306 & Dev Pillar	390 Internship in Psychology	304
321 Lab in Social Psychology	306 & Social Pillar	397 Independent Research	306
327 Lab in Body Image	306 & 275 or 338	369/370 Honors Readings & Research	306

Complete Course Offerings and Course Descriptions: <https://catalog.luc.edu/course-descriptions/psyc/>

Advising for Psychology Majors

Psychology Majors should complete Psychology Advising and Career Development (201) as soon after taking 101 as possible. During that course you will receive a Psychology Faculty Advisor, but if you want to be assigned an advisor before you take the class please fill out this form. It is your responsibility to contact your advisor. Before meeting with your Advisor please take time to review the Psychology Career Finder found on the Psychology Department website. More information on student advising at Loyola may be found by visiting the Advising Webpage found under the Undergraduate Tab on the department website.

Recommended sequence of psychology courses

Students should take General Psychology (101) and Psychology Advising and Career Development (201) their first year. Students should then take their Knowledge Pillar courses. It is recommended that students complete at least one of their Ancillary Quantitative Courses prior to beginning the 304-306 sequence. Note that PSYC 304 (Statistics) is a prerequisite for 306 (Research Methods). No other statistics course (including STAT 103) or a statistics course from another Loyola department can serve as a prerequisite for 306 if you are a Psychology Major. Students may *not* take 304 and 306 at the same time. Electives may be any 200 or 300 level psychology courses or NEUR 101. 306 and their specified Knowledge Pillar courses serve as prerequisites for advanced lab courses.

Recommended sequence of math courses

Students should discuss the Ancillary Quantitative Requirement with their Psychology Faculty advisor as early as possible after declaring the major. It is expected that students will have completed at least one, and preferably both courses *before* beginning the 304-306 sequence. Thus, students should plan to take these courses during their first two years. Assuming a strong background in math, a computer science course is strongly recommended to prepare students for future academic and non-academic careers.

Co-Majoring

Psychology majors are to abide by Academic Council's double dipping policy which instructs that 21 credit hours must be unique to a major (seven 3 credit hour courses). There are two notable exceptions for the Psychology Department:

1. Neuroscience Majors (either Cell/Molecular or Cognitive/Behavioral track) or Minors may count any number of PSYC classes allowed by the Neuroscience Major or Minor towards both their Psychology Major and Neuroscience Major/Minor.
2. Social Work Majors may count PSYC 101, PSYC 306 and any other three PSYC classes approved by the School of Social Work towards both the Psychology and Social Work Majors.

Core Course Exemptions for Psychology Majors

Psychology majors are exempt from the “Societal and Cultural Knowledge” and “Quantitative Literacy” areas of the core.

Transferring Courses

Seven courses of the major can be fulfilled with courses transferred into Loyola. Please consult with your CAS Advisor to ensure that you have received transfer credit for courses taken at other universities.

Honors in Psychology

Students able to maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA and interested in psychology independent research, should discuss the possibility of participating in the Honors in Psychology program with their Psychology Faculty Advisor or ideally their psychology research mentor. For more information on the program please visit the Honors in Psychology Webpage under the Undergraduate Tab on the department website. Questions about the program should be addressed to the program director, Dr. Jeff Huntsinger (jhuntsinger@luc.edu).

Independent Study Opportunities

Loyola's psychology department offers countless opportunities for undergraduates to participate in research under the supervision of faculty members—an experience that is highly valued by employers and graduate schools. More information on Research in the department can be found under the Research Tab of the Psychology Department Website. Students can earn course credit for this research experience through independent studies and research courses, PSYC 397 (Independent Research) and PSYC 399 (Special Studies in Psychology). Qualified students may also plan and conduct psychological research by enrolling in the two-course honors sequence (PSYC 369 and 370). PSYC 397 and PSYC 370 count towards the Loyola's engaged learning requirement, while PSYC 399 does not. More information on Independent Study courses in Psychology are available on the Independent Research webpage under the Undergraduate Tab on the department website or by clicking the hyperlinks for the individual courses above.

Internship in Psychology

PSYC 390 is an intensive, work/academic experience that combines 100 hours (minimum) of supervised work at a psychology-related job site, arranged by the student prior to the start of the semester. PSYC 390 class meetings include class discussions and activities, reading and writing assignments, and an independent project. This is a unique and time-intensive opportunity that allows students to learn how psychology is applied in real-world settings. The course is open to psychology juniors and seniors. Students interested in the program should learn more by visiting the Internship in Psychology Webpage found under the Undergraduate Tab on the department website. Questions about the program should be addressed to the internship coordinator (psyc-internship@luc.edu). *Admission to the internship course is by application only. Applications are due midway through the SEMESTER BEFORE the internship is to be taken.*

Answers to additional questions about the major may be found on the Department Website or by visiting the Frequently Asked Questions Webpage under the Undergraduate Tab.