

Psychology (Majors/Minor)- For students admitted from 2022/23 onwards

I. Objectives

This program aims to:

- allow students to develop basic skills across all areas of Psychology, including the biological and cognitive bases of behaviour, developmental changes, social influences, and contemporary issues, to enhance their learning and career development in the area of Psychology;
- provide students with training in statistical and research methods that are essential for the implementation and consumption of research in Psychology;
- develop skills in critical analysis, reasoning, and self-reflection;
- provide students opportunities for tackling novel problems, and give them experience of addressing issues that are ill-defined; and
- be an internationally-recognized qualification in fundamental aspects of Psychology that allows students to pursue both professional training in applied aspects of Psychology (e.g. Clinical Psychology, Educational Psychology) and advanced research training in all related research area of Psychology including Cognitive Science and Neuroscience.

II. Programme structure

Components		No. of credits		
		1st Major (for BPsych students)#	2nd Major (for non-BPsych students)	Minor
a)	Introductory courses			
i.	Disciplinary courses	12 (PSYC1001 & PSYC1004)	12 (PSYC1001 & PSYC1004)	6 (PSYC1001)
ii.	Pre-requisite course*	6 (1 course from 5 units)	12 (2 courses from 5 units)	
b)	Advanced courses			
i.	Core courses	36	36	--
ii.	Disciplinary electives	18	6	30
iii.	Capstone experience	12	6	--
Total		84	72	36

*Candidates who opt to declare two major programmes offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences should avoid selecting overlapping pre-requisites.

#BPsych students are required to complete 12 credits of Social Innovation Requirement and 12 credits of Global Citizenship Requirement throughout the 4-year curriculum, preferably within Year 2 to Year 3 including Summer Semesters. For further details, please visit <https://www.socsc.hku.hk/sigc/>

Psychology 1st Major Flowchart (for BPsych students)

Candidates must complete:

a) Introductory courses (18 credits)

i) Disciplinary courses:

PSYC1001. Introduction to psychology (6 credits); and
PSYC1004. Introduction to quantitative methods in psychology (6 credits)

ii) One pre-requisite courses from the following five units (6 credits):

Faculty of Social Sciences
Geography
Politics and Public Administration
Social Work and Social Administration
Sociology

b) Advanced courses (66 credits)

i) Core courses (36 credits)

PSYC2060. Research and quantitative methods in psychology (6 credits)
PSYC2009. Life-span developmental psychology (6 credits)
PSYC2019. Psychology of personality (6 credits)
PSYC2020. Fundamentals of social psychology (6 credits)
PSYC2022. Biological psychology (6 credits)

AND

Either ONE from the following:

PSYC2007. Cognitive psychology (6 credits)
PSYC2051. Perception (6 credits)

ii) Disciplinary electives (18 credits)

Note 1: These disciplinary electives are advanced level courses at Level 2000, 3000 and 4000. Students are required to take at least 18 credits of disciplinary electives, excluding those 36 credits counted towards the core courses.

iii) Capstone experience (12 credits)

Option One:

ONE Advanced Lab course from the following:

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| PSYC3051. | Advanced personality psychology | (6 credits) |
| PSYC3052. | Advanced social psychology | (6 credits) |
| PSYC3053. | Advanced research in industrial/organizational psychology | (6 credits) |
| PSYC3054. | Human neuropsychology | (6 credits) |
| PSYC3061. | Advanced issues in perception | (6 credits) |
| PSYC3064. | Advanced developmental psychology | (6 credits) |
| PSYC3068. | Advanced cognitive psychology | (6 credits) |

AND

ONE experiential learning project from the following:

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| PSYC4010. | Experiential learning project I | (6 credits) |
| PSYC4011. | Experiential learning project II | (6 credits) |

OR

Option Two:

Either ONE empirical research project from the following:

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| PSYC4007. | Independent study in psychology | (12 credits) |
| PSYC4008. | Thesis in psychology | (12 credits) |
| PSYC4009. | Interdisciplinary thesis in psychology | (12 credits) |

Psychology 2nd Major/Minor Flowchart (for non-BPsych students)

Candidates who wish to 2nd major (72 credits) or minor (36 credits) in Psychology must complete:

a) Introductory courses (24 credits for major; 6 credits for minor)

i) Disciplinary courses:

PSYC1001. Introduction to psychology (6 credits); and

PSYC1004. Introduction to quantitative methods in psychology (6 credits)

Note 2: PSYC1001 & PSYC1004 are compulsory for psychology major. PSYC1004 is open to Year 1 to Year 3 students. Priority is given to Bachelor of Psychology and Bachelor of Social Sciences students.

Candidates who minor in Psychology must complete the disciplinary course PSYC1001.

ii) Two pre-requisite courses from the following five units, but not more than one from a single unit (12 credits):

Faculty of Social Sciences

Geography

Politics and Public Administration

Social Work and Social Administration

Sociology

b) Advanced courses (48 credits for major; 30 credits for minor)

i) Core courses (36 credits)

PSYC2060. Research and quantitative methods in psychology (6 credits)

PSYC2009. Life-span developmental psychology (6 credits)

PSYC2019. Psychology of personality (6 credits)

PSYC2020. Fundamentals of social psychology (6 credits)

PSYC2022. Biological psychology (6 credits)

AND

Either ONE from the following:

PSYC2007. Cognitive psychology (6 credits)

PSYC2051. Perception (6 credits)

ii) Disciplinary electives (6 credits for major; 30 credits for minor)

Note 3: These disciplinary electives are advanced level courses at Level 2000, 3000 and 4000. Students are required to take at least 6 credits of disciplinary electives (excluding those 36 credits counted towards the core courses) for major, and 30 credits for minor.

iii) Capstone experience (*6 credits for major only*)

1 advanced lab course from the followings (taken in year 3 or year 4):

- PSYC3051. Advanced personality psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC3052. Advanced social psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC3053. Advanced research in I/O psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC3054. Human neuropsychology (6 credits)
- PSYC3061. Advanced issues in perception (6 credits)
- PSYC3064. Advanced developmental psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC3068. Advanced cognitive Psychology (6 credits)

Note:

- The courses offered in a particular year is subject to change. Students are advised to see the [Recommended Study Pathway](#) to plan ahead in your course selection.
- In course registration, students should pay special attention to the prerequisite of courses as specified in the syllabuses.
- For course description of each course, please click [here](#) for details.

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