

Minor in Psychology

Purpose: To offer students a well-rounded and structured program in Psychology which will complement a variety of baccalaureate majors. The minor will be composed of courses that are currently offered on the East Campus.

Objectives: Students who complete the minor in psychology will gain a greater knowledge of psychology, a basic introduction to the research methods of psychology and an awareness of the diversity of topics within the field. To hold true to the breadth of topics covered in the psychology concentration, students who elect to complete the minor will be required to take a standard set of courses. Within this set, there is some freedom of course choice but the choices are limited. This focusing of choices requires the student to take a systematic variety of course that adhere to the multi-topic approach of the psychology curriculum.

Students: The Minor in Psychology will be open to students in all academic programs accommodating a minor. There are no prerequisites for the minor itself (certain course, however, do have prerequisites).

Requirements: The Minor in Psychology requires 18 hours of course work, 9 of which must be at the 300/400 level.

Core Courses:

P103*, General Psychology (3 credit hours)
P211, Research Methods (3 credit hours)
P216, Lifespan Development Psychology (3 credit hours)

Above are all required (all with grades of "C" (2.0) or better).

* Students who have taken either Introductory Psychology P101 or P102 will be required to take the other introductory course either through correspondence or at one of the other campuses that still currently offer the two semester long introductory courses. Students who have taken both P101 and P102 will be considered to have the equivalent of P103

Distribution: At least one course must be taken from each of the following clusters:

One Course From (with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better):

PSY P325 Psychology of Learning	(3 cr hr)
PSY P326 Behavioral Neuroscience	(3 cr hr)
PSY P327 Psychology of Motivation	(3 cr hr)
PSY P329 Sensation and Perception	(3 cr hr)
PSY P335 Cognitive Psychology	(3 cr hr)
PSY P459 History and Systems of Psychology	(3 cr hr)

One Course From (with a grade of “C” (2.0) or better):

PSY P316 Psychology of Childhood and Adolescence	(3 cr hr)
PSY 319 Psychology of Personality	(3 cr hr)
PSY P320 Social Psychology	(3 cr hr)
PSY P324 Abnormal Psychology	(3 cr hr)
PSY P336 Psychological Tests & Individual Differences	(3 cr hr)

Students must have an overall Minor GPA of “C+” (2.3) or better (and each individual course grade must be “C” (2.0) or better).

Administration:

The full-time psychology faculty, currently Drs. Felton, Jerzak, Shapiro, and Wagor, will serve as advisors for the minor. Students may select their minor advisor from any of the full-time psychology faculty currently teaching at the time that they complete the minor declaration form. All courses for the psychology minor can be offered with current psychology department staffing.

Students will complete a minor declaration form to enroll in this program. Their progress toward completion of the minor will be recorded on this form. Students are encouraged to meet with their minor advisor to discuss courses (within psychology) before enrolling in those courses. Successful completion of the minor will be noted on this form, and a copy of this form will be kept in the psychology department files. Any advisors in the student’s major area who have questions about the psychology minor should contact the student’s psychology minor advisor or the Behavioral Science Division Chair.

Evaluation:

Progress toward completion of the Minor will be monitored in two ways. First, overall GPA in all courses to be applied toward completion of the Minor must “C+” (2.3) or better. Second, students must have a “C:” or better in any course in the area that is to be applied toward the Minor. Course grades lower than “C” will not count and the student will be required to complete another appropriate course with a grade of “C” (2.0) or better.

Assessment is an important issue and one that the psychology department takes seriously. In order to demonstrate satisfactory understanding of the overall content of the Psychology Minor, students are required to enroll in P495, Readings & Research in Psychology. This course requires students to research a literature, create a project, engage in data collection, and analysis, and write a comprehensive research report. As such, this course requires the student to demonstrate competency in all aspects of the psychological research process. We consider this course (in conjunction with the other courses required by the Minor) to be an appropriate method by which the student demonstrates a competency of psychology that merits the awarding of a Minor in Psychology. Students will not be considered to have completed the Psychology Minor until all courses are taken and meet the above criteria and the student has submitted satisfactory paper for the P495 course.

Psychology Minor Declaration Form

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Minor Advisor Name: _____

The above student has declared an interest in fulfilling the requirements for a Minor in psychology at Indiana University East. This form should be updated as requirements are fulfilled.

<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Core Courses</u>	
_____	_____	P103 – General Psychology	(3 cr)
_____	_____	P211 – Research Methods	(3 cr)
_____	_____	P216 – Lifespan Development	(3 cr)
_____	_____	P495 – Readings & Research in Psychology	(3 cr)

Distribution Courses

_____	_____	One (3 credit) Course from (circle course Taken) : P325 – Psychology of Learning P326 – Behavioral Neuroscience P327 – Psychology of Motivation P329 – Sensation and Perception P335 – Cognitive Psychology P459 – History and Systems
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_____	_____	One (3 credit) Course from (circle course Taken) : P316 – Psychology of Childhood And Adolescence P319 – Psychology of Personality P320 – Social Psychology P324 – Abnormal Psychology P336 – Psychological Tests and Individual Differences
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By signing below, I verify that the above named student has successfully completed all requirements for a minor in psychology including a satisfactory P495 course paper

Minor Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____