# Major Requirements

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<th>Required Semester Hours:</th>
<th>B.A.: 40 semester hours + 4 prerequisite semester hours</th>
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## Prerequisites and Supporting Courses
- B.A.: 4 semester hours; B.S.: 12 semester hours
- B.S. Degree Only: 8 semester hours in BIOL, CHEM, EXS, HSC, MATH, or PHEN as approved by faculty advisor

## Required Core Courses

### Both B.A. & B.S. Degrees:
- PSYC 1000: Introduction to Psychology (4)
- PSYC 2100: Research Methods in Psychology (4) - meets Research Writing Course requirement
- PSYC 3100: Learning and Cognition (4)
- PSYC 3500: Social Psychology (4)

### B.S. Degree Only:
- PSYC 3150: Developmental Psychology (4) - meets Ethical Reasoning requirement
- PSYC 3550: Adult Development & Aging (4)
- PSYC 3600: Abnormal Psychology (4) OR PSYC 3700: Counseling Psychology (4)
- PSYC 4901: Psychology Comprehensive Exam (0)

## Cluster Requirements

- B.A.: Choose one course from Cluster A and two courses from Cluster B (12 sh)
- B.S.: Choose five courses from Cluster A or B (20 sh)

### Group A (Research):
- PSYC 3200: Personality (4)
- PSYC 3400: Psychological Testing (4)
- PSYC 3800: Perception (4)
- PSYC 3900: Psychology of Language (4)

### Group B (Professional):
- PSYC 3250: Psychology of Gender and Sexuality (4)
- PSYC 3350: Industrial-Organizational Psychology (4)
- PSYC 3450: Multicultural Psychology (4)
- PSYC 3650: Health Psychology (4)

## Elective Courses
- B.A. select 4sh; B.S. select 8sh
- Any PSYC course 3000-level or above

## B.S. Degree Additional Required Courses
- PSYC 3010: Behavioral Neuroscience (4)
- PSYC 3910: Topics (4) - meets Writing Intensive Course requirement
- PSYC 4970: Internship OR PSYC 4000: Departmental Honors (4)
- PSYC 4902: Psychology Portfolio (0), pass/fail

## Notes:
- All majors are required to take and pass an objective departmental comprehensive exam in their final semester; or anyone failing that exam will be required to take and pass a department comprehensive essay exam.
- Students preparing for particular graduate programs should meet with their advisor to select appropriate cluster courses and electives, and plan enriching experiences such as internships or directed research.
- Students who wish to pursue doctoral studies in psychology should choose the B.S. option. Graduate psychology programs are extremely competitive and this curriculum offers the most thorough preparation.
- If student meets the criteria for Honors and has a faculty sponsor, s/he may complete a senior honors project (PSYC 4000) as an alternative to an internship. Students particularly interested in an experimental PhD program should pursue this option.

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# ACADEMIC PLANNING GUIDE - PSYCHOLOGY

Effective with 2018-2019 Catalog

## CORE CURRICULUM

Starting with the framework of North Park’s identity as a Christian, liberal arts institution, our Core Curriculum is intentionally multi-disciplinary and multi-year. It is set up as a progress through three areas: Foundation Courses, Explorations Courses, and Capstone Courses. [http://www.northpark.edu/Academics/Undergraduate-Studies/Core-Curriculum](http://www.northpark.edu/Academics/Undergraduate-Studies/Core-Curriculum)

### Foundations
Preparing for more in-depth work in both the Core Curriculum and your major

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<td>Modern Languages (8sh)</td>
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### Explorations
Knowledge in specific disciplines, with strong emphasis on how you can use them in the context of your own life

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### Intermediate Level Writing
Two courses in the context of your major that specifically address writing clearly and doing effective research

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### Keystone
Interdisciplinary integration of skills and knowledge applied to contemporary social issues

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### Notes:
- Students must take and pass a national psychology comprehensive exam the second semester of their fourth year.
- Students must receive a minimum passing grade during the last year prior to graduation.

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