Psychology is the study of the mind and behavior. The discipline embraces all aspects of the human experience — from the functions of the brain to the actions of nations, from child development to care for the aged. In every conceivable setting from scientific research centers to mental health care services, “the understanding of behavior” is the focus of the psychology.

Psychology majors at Pitt-Bradford take courses such as Introduction to Psychology, Personality Theories, Child Development, Statistics, Social Psychology, Experimental Psychology, Abnormal Psychology and Counseling Psychology. Students learn a lot about why humans behave the way they do.

Psychology majors will pick an area of interest in the field to conduct research. Majors also have the opportunity to receive hands-on experience through an internship in organizations such as a mental health facilities, social service agencies, hospitals or correctional institutions. Psychology majors also have access to the psychology lab where they can work on their counseling techniques, observe other sessions, conduct data analysis and hone their research skills.

**Required Skills:**
- Emotional Stability and Maturity
- People Skills
- Written and Oral Communication
- Sensitivity and Compassion
- Research & Statistical Analysis
- Motivation
- Team Work
- Listening
- Patience and Perseverance

**Possible Employer:**
- Adoption/Child Care Agencies
- Hospitals
- Public Health Services
- Community Shelters
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Research Institutes
- Employee Assistance Programs
- Personnel Departments
- Community Mental Health Centers
- College or University

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**
- American Counseling Association [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org)
- American Psychiatric Association [www.psych.org](http://www.psych.org)
- American Psychological Association [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)
- Association for Psychological Science [www.psychologicalscience.org](http://www.psychologicalscience.org)
- American Psychology Law Society [www.ap-ls.org](http://www.ap-ls.org)

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY AT:**
- Psychology Graduate School Information [www.uni.edu/walsh/linda2.html](http://www.uni.edu/walsh/linda2.html)
- Graduate School and Careers in Psychology [www-usr.rider.edu/~suler/gradschl.html](http://www-usr.rider.edu/~suler/gradschl.html)
- Social Psychology Network [www.socialpsychology.org](http://www.socialpsychology.org)
- Career Services [www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx](http://www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx)
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
Minimum grade of C- required in all competencies)
☐ FS 0102 Freshman Seminar
(if transferring in fewer than 18 credits)

Writing
☐ ENG 0101 English Composition I
☐ ENG 0102 English Composition II

Mathematics
☐* MATH 0098, 0110, 0132, or 0140

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE
☐ Students are required to complete two courses designated as “Global”

ARTS & LETTERS (ONE course MUST be literature; ONE course MUST be a creative, fine or performing Arts course)
☐ GE: Literature
☐ GE: Arts
☐ GE: Literature, Arts, Language

BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC, & POLITICAL SCIENCES (9 credits minimum and courses from two different categories)
☐ PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology
☐ PSY 0202, 0203, 0204, 0206, or 0209
☐ Econ or Political Science or ENVSTD

HISTORY, CULTURES, & PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY (9 credits minimum and must include one History)
☐ HIST

PHYSICAL, LIFE, & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES (10 credits minimum and must include one laboratory)
☐ Physical Science
☐ Life Science
☐ PSY 0201
☐ Physical or Life Science Lab

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
☐ Physical Education

☐ REQUIRED MINOR (minimum 15 credits)
(Minimum PA 2.00 required for all minors)

Required Psychology Elective: (ONE (1) course from the following): 3 credits
☐ PSY 1306 Theories of Motivation
☐ PSY 1307 Psychology of Music
☐ PSY 1313 Parenting and Family
☐ PSY 1314 Psychology of Gender and Sexuality
☐ PSY 1318 Children’s Media and Socialization
☐ PSY 1340 Psychology and Environmental Problems
☐ PSY 1409 Media Portrayals of Psychology
☐ PSY 1410 Psychology and Law
☐ PSY 1445 Topics in Counseling Psychology
☐ PSY 1447 Topics in Applied Social Psychology
☐ PSY 1448 Topics in Cognitive-Developmental Psychology
☐ PSY 1448 Topics in Educational Psychology
☐ PSY 1496 Internship in Counseling Psychology
☐ PSY 1497 Directed Study in Psychology
☐ PSY 1498 Directed Research in Psychology
☐ PSY 1499 Internship in Psychology

OTHER REQUIRED COURSES
☐ COMM 0104 Public Speaking OR
☐ COMM 0115 Interpersonal Communication

PSYCHOLOGY: Major Requirements (min 2.00 GPA required for graduation) C- or better in ALL Psychology Courses (49-50 Credits)

*Effective fall 2017

According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU upon successful completion of the current term:
You will have EARNED ______ credit hours.
You NEED ______ for 120 credit hours required for graduation
You will have earned ________ credit hours of Upper Level course work.
You NEED ______ for the 30 credit hours required for graduation.

NOTE: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar’s Office with questions or concerns.