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 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-law.org](http://www.ap-law.org)

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY AT:**
- Psychology as a Career  
- 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 College Algebra II or Higher

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)

☐ Literature
☐ Arts
☐ Literature, Arts, Language

BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC, & POLITICAL SCIENCES
(Two different categories must be represented))

☐ (see major)
☐ (see major)

HISTORY, CULTURES, & PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY
(ONE course MUST be History, and ONE course must be Cultures
or Philosophical Inquiry)

☐ HIST

PHYSICAL, LIFE, & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES
(ONE course must be a Physical Science, ONE must be a Life Science
and ONE must include a lab)

☐ Physical Science
☐ Life Science
☐ (see major)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
☐ PEDC

☐ REQUIRED MINOR (minimum 15 credits) Note: Transfer
students who have earned a previous degree do not need to
complete a minor.

* MATH 0098 does not meet the mathematics competency
at the Pittsburgh campus.

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES
(A C- or better is required is all Psychology Courses)

☐ PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology
☐ PSY 0201 Statistics
☐ PSY 0202 Child Development
☐ PSY 0203 Social Psychology
☐ PSY 0204 Personality Theories
☐ PSY 0206 Abnormal Psychology
☐ PSY 0207 Professional Seminar
☐ PSY 0265 Data Analysis and Research
☐ PSY 1301 Experimental Psychology
☐ PSY 1452 Capstone: Psychology

FOCUS AREA REQUIREMENTS IN PSYCHOLOGY
FIVE courses total (TWO from each of the three following
content areas)

Experimental Focus (two courses)

☐ PSY 1304 Human Memory
☐ PSY 1307 Psychology of Music
☐ PSY 1335 Psychology & Prejudice & Discrimination
☐ PSY 1340 Psychology & Environmental Problems
☐ PSY 1345 Psychology & Close Relationships
☐ PSY 1406 Learning and Behavior
☐ PSY 1410 Psychology & Law
☐ PSY 1447 Topics in Cognitive Development Psychology
☐ PSY 1448 Topics in Applied Social Psychology

Applied Focus (two courses)

☐ PSY 1303 Psychological Assessment
☐ PSY 1317 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
☐ PSY 1337 Health Psychology
☐ PSY 1405 Intelligence and Testing
☐ PSY 1407 Counseling Psychology
☐ PSY 1408 Counseling Psychology Lab
☐ PSY 1449 Topics in Counseling Psychology

OTHER REQUIRED COURSES

☐ COMM 0104 Public Speaking OR
☐ COMM 0115 Interpersonal Communication

OTHER POSSIBLE PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES
(Recommended, but not required)

☐ PSY 1496 Internship in Counseling Psychology
☐ PSY 1497 Directed Study in Psychology
☐ PSY 1498 Directed Research in Psychology
☐ PSY 1499 Internship in Psychology

According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU upon successful completion of the current term:

You will have EARNED _________ credit hours

You will have earned _________ credit hours of Upper Level course work.

You NEED _________ for 120 credit hours required for graduation.

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.