

BACHELOR OF ARTS: MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Program Checklist

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Distinct from the more specialized Bachelor of Applied Arts in Psychology which focuses on applied skills and research, in the context of the workplace and community service, the Bachelor of Arts Major in Psychology is a more traditional degree focusing on core areas in psychology such as biopsychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, social psychology and clinical/abnormal psychology. Students interested in further study and graduate school may augment their knowledge and skills by taking an honours option in Psychology.

The honours option requires twelve credits in addition to the 120 required for a four-year Bachelor degree. Students will have some flexibility to focus their studies in key areas that are of interest to them.

CAREER INFORMATION

Although a BA in psychology does not prepare graduates for specific occupations, the value of this degree has been documented many times and BA Psychology graduates can be found working in a variety of fields such as: group home coordinator, behaviour analyst, residential youth counselor, loan officer, and customer relations, to list but a few examples.

Careers in psychology generally require further study at the graduate level and to this end, an honours program is available to students interested in pursuing graduate degrees.

Disclaimer: The information on this checklist is a summary of the Kwantlen 2011-12 academic calendar. Refer to the on-line calendar at www.kwantlen.ca/calendar for official information.

You can make an appointment with a BA Degree Advisor to ensure you have met all of the necessary requirements.

BACHELOR OF ARTS ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

First Year

Students seeking to apply to the Bachelor of Arts Degree Program, first year entry, must have the following admission requirements satisfied:

- English 12 with a B (or equivalent)
- Principles of Math 11 with a C (or equivalent)

Third Year Status: Progression to 3rd year status depends on completing 60 credits with a C or better in the following:

- All lower level (1100- and 2000-level) major/minor program course requirements
- English writing requirement: ENGL 1100 and ENGL 1202/1204 (or equivalent course)
- Language requirement: Second language to grade 11 or 6 credits of post-secondary language (2 courses in the same language)
- Principles of Math 11 with a C or equivalent (i.e. MATQ 1099, MATP 1011, MATH 1093, ABEM 0011)
- 2 out of 3 required Quantitative courses from approved list: <http://www.kwantlen.ca/calendar/quantitative.html>
- 12 out of 24 credits of breadth requirement
- Cumulative GPA of 2.00

BA PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- PSYC 1100 PSYC 2300 PSYC 2315
- PSYC 1200 PSYC 2400 PSYC 2385

2 courses of: PSYC 2308, 2330, 2350, (maximum one of 2320, 2321, 2322)

- At least 1 course from Biopsychology: PSYC 3320, 3910, 4315
- At least 1 course from Cognitive: PSYC 3215, 3303, 3311, 3800, 4210
- At least 1 course from Developmental: PSYC 3316, 3920
- At least 1 course from Social/Personality: PSYC 3210, 3220, 3307, 3370, 3451, 4700
- At least 1 course from Clinical/Abnormal: PSYC 3350, 3450, 3600, 4350

At least 5 more PSYC courses numbered 3000 or higher:

BA FRAMEWORK REQUIREMENTS

- ENGL 1100 Any 15 credits at the 3000- or 4000-level. One of the following courses must be an arts course outside of the major in order to satisfy the breadth requirement:
- ENGL 1202 or 1204

Language Requirement

If you have not completed a language to Grade 11 (or equivalent), you are required to complete a minimum of 6 credits of post-secondary language courses (in the same language) within the first 60 credits of your degree.

Quantitative Requirements

You must complete a minimum 9-credit quantitative requirement that includes a minimum of 3 approved quantitative courses, one of which must be taken from the Faculty of Science and Horticulture. PSYC 2300 and PSYC 2400 fulfill 2 out of 3 required quantitative courses.

Breadth Requirements

Upon degree completion, students must have 24 credits (8 courses) outside of their declared major, with at least one course in at least four separate Social Science or Humanities disciplines, one of which must be at the 3000-level or higher. CMNS 3100, EDUC 1100, and EDUC 4100 may also be credited towards the breadth requirement.

ADDITIONAL COURSES TOWARDS DEGREE COMPLETION

Any **42** credits at the 1100-level or higher. Keep in mind courses to complete your language and breadth requirements, as well as the 65 credits of arts courses requirement (from the Faculty of Social Sciences or Humanities):

HONOURS OPTION

To apply for the Honours option, you must have completed at least 90 credits towards the degree at the time of application (4th-year standing), and are expected to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 and a B+ in each of PSYC 3300 and 3400. Applications to the Honours program are to be submitted to the Psychology Departmental Assistant (Surrey Campus: D 226A) for review by the Honours Committee in May of each year and must include a signature from a Faculty member in the Psychology Department indicating that they are willing to act as the student's Honours Supervisor.

In addition to the 120 required credits for the degree, Honours students must complete all of the following:

- PSYC 5001 Honours Thesis I (BA) (6 credits)
- PSYC 5010 Honours Thesis II (6 credits)