

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR - B.A.

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The Department of Psychology at Nyack College has four objectives:

Preparation for further study: Some students are planning a career in psychology or a related field such as family counseling or social work. Becoming a professional in these fields requires graduate study, and the psychology major provides a solid foundation of knowledge in preparation for graduate school.

For students who intend to become pastors, missionaries, or other church leaders, the psychology major satisfies the recommendations of the Association of Theological Schools as preparation for seminary studies.

Development of Interpersonal skills: Some students do not intend to become professionals in psychology but major in the field to develop their understanding of people and ability to relate to others. Such skills as empathetic listening, effective feedback, and appropriate self-expression form a useful foundation for working in many fields, including business, education, and Christian ministries.

Some Psychology majors go to work in psychology-related fields immediately after graduating. For example, in recent years Nyack College graduates have obtained positions as counselors, social workers, and behavior therapy technicians with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Department internships give students the opportunity to earn academic credit and to receive on-the-job experience. Within a short distance from Nyack are many sites where internships can be arranged.

Clarifying Self-understanding: Many college students are actively involved in discovering their identity and choosing a direction for their lives, or in resolving personal problems. Some students study psychology partly to gain insight in dealing with these personal issues.

Developing a Christian perspective: Psychology is an especially important field for the integration of faith and learning, because both psychological science and biblical revelation claim to offer valid truth about human nature. The Department of Psychology at Nyack College takes seriously the task of integrating the valid findings of psychology with the truth of Scripture for a better understanding of human behavior, experience, and relationships.

126 credit hours, distributed as follows, are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree:

Psychology

Liberal Arts and Science Core Component 43*

*Foreign Language Component (6 credits)
1 year (2 semesters) of the same language. One year of American Sign Language will also meet this requirement.

Bible and Ministry Minor Curriculum..... 15

Major Field Component (45 credits)

PSY 101 - General Psychology 3

PSY 110 -Psychology Research Methods 2

PSY 253 - Integration of Psychology and Theology: A Survey 3

PSY 321 - History of Psychology..... 3

PSY 337 - Statistics for Social Science 3

PSY 339 - Experimental Psychology 4

PSY 441 - Theories of Personality 3

PSY 438 - Physiological Psych or PSY 443 - Psych of Learning 3

PSY 470 - Psychology Seminar..... 3

Psychology electives 15

Worldview elective 3

Miscellaneous Elective Component (23 credits)

Miscellaneous electives..... 23
(Students planning graduate study in Psychology are encouraged to elect additional courses in natural sciences, mathematics, philosophy and other social sciences.)

Total credits required 126

Psychology Major Suggested Program Plan

FIRST YEAR: Fall

PMN 101-Intro to Spiritual Form. .	2
INT 112-Found. for Excellence	2
ENG 101-College Writing I.....	3
HIS 113-Hist. of World Civ. I.....	3
PSY 101-General Psychology.....	3
MAT-Elective*	3
INT 101-Info Literacy	1

SECOND YEAR: Fall

BIB 201-New Testament Lit.	3
ENG 201 or 202-Global Lit. I or II or Elective	3
Foreign Language.....	3
PHI 101-Intro. to Philosophy	3
PSY 337-Stats. for Social Sci*.....	3

THIRD YEAR: Fall

BIB 301 or 302-Biblical Doc I or II	3
PSY 441-Theories of Personality...	3
PSY-Elective.....	3
SOC 347-Multicultural America....	3
Social Science Elective.....	3

FOURTH YEAR: Fall

Worldview elective.....	3
PSY 438-Physiological Pysch or PSY 443-Psych. of Learning.....	3
Psychology Elective	3
Electives.....	6

FIRST YEAR: Spring

BIB 102-Old Testament Lit.....	3
ENG 102-College Writing II.....	3
HIS 114-Hist. of World Civ. II	3
PMN 201-Nyack Heritage.....	1
PSY 253-Integrat. of Psy. & Theo. .	3
PSY 110-PSY Research Meth**	2

SECOND YEAR: Spring

ENG 201 or 202-Global Lit. I or II or Elective	3
Foreign Language.....	3
PSY 339-Experimental Psych*	4
PSY-Elective	3
Fine Arts requirement.....	3

THIRD YEAR: Spring

BIB-Elective	3
PSY 321-History of Psychology	3
Laboratory Science.....	4
Psychology Elective	3
Elective	3

FOURTH YEAR: Spring

PSY 470 Psych. Seminar.....	3
PSY-Elective	3
Electives.....	11

* Any Math course is prerequisite for PSY 337, and PSY 337 is prerequisite for PSY 339.

** ENG 101 (or ENG 102 if student is exempted from ENG 101) is a prerequisite for PSY 110.

PSY 110 is a prerequisite for all 300 and 400 level psychology courses. Non-psychology majors will be exempt from this requirement with permission of the instructor.