

Overview

Psychology is defined as the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. With such a broad and all-encompassing definition, just about any human activity or endeavor can be considered a legitimate area of investigation for psychological research. Major research areas include developmental psychology, cognitive psychology and personality.

UW-Richland's psychology/social science curriculum provides you with basic skills and knowledge to help you enroll in a bachelor's degree program upon transfer, succeed in a variety of professions, and compete successfully in the evolving global environment. The course of study will lead you to a fundamental understanding of the general factors which influence human and animal behavior, the value of scientific study of behavior, applying psychological principles to help people solve everyday problems, and preparation for para-professional or professional occupations. The psychology curriculum, when combined with UW-Richland's strong liberal arts program, will provide you with the essentials of the first two years of a psychology/social science education for the 21st century.

Career Opportunities

One may enter a variety of careers from the field of psychology. According to a recent survey from the American Psychological Association, the major professional specialties in psychology include clinical and counseling psychology (diagnosing and treating individuals with psychological disorders), industrial and organizational psychology (helping to make personnel decisions and improving employee morale and job satisfaction) and educational and school psychology (involving testing and counseling of students and improving curriculum design).

Websites you may want to visit:

Wisconsin School Psychologists Association	http://www.tcbi.com/wspa
American Psychological Association	http://www.apa.org
National Association of School Psychologists	http://www.naspweb.org

Curriculum Guidelines

The University of Wisconsin-Richland offers you the freshman/sophomore curriculum needed to begin a psychology major. The four-semester program outlined below is to be used as a guide. Additional information and transfer planning sheets for specific majors and universities are available in the Student Services Office. UW-Richland offers the freshman/sophomore curriculum appropriate to an engineering major and includes required general education courses. Consult your academic advisor for individualized program planning assistance.

First Year

Semester I

English*	3 cr.
Mathematics 110*	3 cr.
Natural Science	4-5 cr.
Psychology 202	3 cr.
Elective	1 cr.

Semester II

English*	3cr.
Natural Science	4-5 cr.
Fine Arts	3 cr.
Sociology 234	3 cr.
Elective	1 cr.

Second Year

Semester III

Psy 360 Child/Adolescence	3 cr.
Psy 210 or Math 117 Statistics	3 cr.
Humanities	3 cr.
Social Science	3 cr.
Elective or English 203	1-3 cr.

Semester IV

Com 103 Public Speaking	3 cr.
Humanities/Fine Arts	3 cr.
Interdisciplinary	3 cr.
Social Science	3 cr.
Elective	1-3 cr.
Ped 127 Fitness for Life	2 cr.

Placement in English and mathematics will be determined on the basis of placement test results; see *.

Other courses you may want to consider, if your program permits, include Sociology 231 Crime/Criminal Justice and Psychology 203 Individuals & Institutions (internship opportunities).

Successful completion of the schedule outlined above, with the addition of an interdisciplinary course, will satisfy requirements for the Associate of Arts and Science degree.

Explore career possibilities by visiting The Resource Center, located in the Student Services area of Melvill Hall. There you'll find career information, a self-assessment video and career assessment testing. A computer program you can use to determine your work-related interests, your skills and values to identify compatible occupations is also available. This program provides information about educational requirements, potential salary and employment outlooks for more than 550 occupations in Wisconsin and nationwide.

For more information or assistance, contact:

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