

The University of South Dakota
Major Credit Hour count: 34 (Psychology with Disaster Response Specialization 37 hours)
Major: Psychology, B.S.

[2021-2022 Academic Catalog]

First Year - 1st Semester

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
PSYC 101 General Psychology ^a	Major+SGR 3
ENGL 101 Composition I	SGR 1
Mathematics ^g	SGR 5
Fine Arts	SGR 4
First Year Experience	1
Semester Credit Hours:	14

Second Year - 1st Semester

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
PSYC Elective ^f (PSYC 233 recommended if not previously completed)	Major
Advanced Composition	SGR 1
Natural Science	SGR 6
Social Science (non PSYC)	SGR 3
Minor	BS
Semester Credit Hours:	16

Third Year - 1st Semester

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
PSYC 301/L ^c or PSYC Foundation Elective ^e	Major+BS
PSYC Diversity Elective ^d	Major
Minor	BS
Elective	3
Elective	3
Semester Credit Hours:	16

Fourth Year - 1st Semester

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
PSYC Foundation Elective ^e	Major
Minor	BS
PSYC Elective ^f	Major
Elective	3
Elective	3
Semester Credit Hours:	15

First Year - 2nd Semester

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
PSYC 275 Research Methods ^b	Major
ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature	BS
Mathematics	BS
CMST 101 Fundamentals of Speech	SGR 2
Humanities	SGR4
Semester Credit Hours:	15

Second Year - 2nd Semester

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
PSYC 371 Statistics in Psych Research	Major+BS
Minor	BS
Natural Science	SGR 6
Elective	3
Elective	3
Semester Credit Hours:	16

Third Year - 2nd Semester

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
PSYC 302/L ^c or PSYC Foundation Elective ^e	Major
PSYC Foundation Elective ^e	Major
Minor	BS
Elective	3
Elective	3
Semester Credit Hours:	15

Fourth Year - 2nd Semester

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
PSYC Elective ^f	Major
Minor	BS
Elective	3
Elective (or Natural Science, if needed)	BS
Semester Credit Hours:	13

Total Major Requirements 120

Notes: Students in Psychology may also choose Disaster Response specialty. : Students double-majoring in Psychology and Sociology may use PSYC 241/SOC 241 Social Psychology in both majors and may use either statistics course, SOC 309 Social Science Statistics or PSYC 371 Statistics in Psychological Research, and either methods course, SOC 410 Methods of Social Research or PSYC 373 Research Methods in Experimental Psychology (NOT PSYC 275), to fulfill requirements for both majors.

a. If you have completed PSYC 101 prior to your first year it is recommended you take PSYC 233: Applied Psychology during the first semester.

b. If you are planning to apply to graduate school in Psychology, consider taking PSYC 373 instead of PSYC 275. PSYC 373 should be taken after PSYC 371.

c. Take either PSYC 301/L (Fall) or PSYC 302/L (Spring). If a student chooses to take both, one course can be used towards PSYC electives.

d. PSYC Diversity Electives include: PSYC 321, 366, 423, 443, 446, 456, 460 (PSYC 321 may count as a Foundation or Diversity elective, but not both).

e. PSYC Foundation Electives include: PSYC 241, 301/L, 302/L, 321, 406, 411, 461 (see note above regarding PSYC 321).

f. PSYC Electives: Any non-required USD Psychology course (with a PSYC prefix) will count as a PSYC elective, except for PSYC 359.

g. Students in a career track that involves graduate training in Psychology or a related field are advised to take either the College Algebra Pathway or the Calculus Pathway, depending on their chosen field. Please discuss your plans with your PSYC Department Advisor.