



This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding “critical courses” for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
!	PSYC 101 Intro. to Psychology (<i>or PSYC Major course³</i>)	3	C		CC-GSS		
!	PSYC 226 Research Methods in Psychology	3	C		MR	PSYC 101 or SCHC 130	
	Foreign language ⁴ <i>or</i> other Carolina Core Req. ⁵ (<i>or MATH 111 if needed to meet PSYC 227 prerequisite</i>)	3-4			CC-GFL		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University <i>or</i> Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	PSYC Major Course ³	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	PSYC 227 Psychological Statistics ⁶	3	C		MR	PSYC 226 & MATH 111 <i>or</i> equivalent Math Placement score	
	Foreign language ⁴ <i>or</i> other Carolina Core Requirement ⁵	3			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁵	3-4			CC		
Semester Three (14-16 Credit Hours)							
	PSYC 228 Laboratory in Psychology	2	C		MR	PSYC 226 & 227	
!	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Foreign language ⁴ <i>or</i> Carolina Core Requirement ⁵	3			CR/CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁵	3-4			CC		
Semester Four (16-17 Credit Hours)							
	PSYC Major Course ³	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
!	BIOL 110 General Biology (<i>or 1 lab science that studies the animal kingdom or BIOL 101 and lab, which is recommended for pre-med students</i>)	4			CC-SCI		
	Cognate <i>or</i> Minor Course ⁷	3	C		PR		
	History ⁸	3			CR		
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	PSYC Major Course ³	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	Cognate <i>or</i> Minor Course ⁷	3	C		PR		
	Cognate <i>or</i> Minor Course ⁷	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Social Science	3			CR		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	PSYC Major Course ³	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	PSYC Major Course ³	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	Cognate <i>or</i> Minor Course ⁷	3	C		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁵ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁹	3			CC/PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁵ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁹	3			CC/PR		
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	PSYC Major Course ³	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	Minor Course ⁷ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁹	3	C (<i>minor</i>)		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Approved Elective ⁹	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁹	3			PR		
Semester Eight (15 Credit Hours)							
	PSYC Major Course ³	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	PSYC Major Course ³ (<i>or Approved Elective^{8,9}</i>)	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	Minor Course ⁷ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁹	3	C (<i>minor</i>)		PR		
	Approved Elective ⁹	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁹ (<i>only if needed to meet hours to graduate</i>)	3			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	32	45-57	32-44	2.000

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must achieve a minimum 2.25 cumulative GPA for Upper Division status. Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for graduation.
- Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- Students must complete at least **one course from each of the 4 groups in the table** below. In addition, each student must complete 12 additional hours of PSYC course work:
 - 3 hours from PSYC 300 or above** (excluding 399)
 - 6 hours from PSYC 400 or above**
 - 3 hours from PSYC 500 or above**

A maximum of 6 hours of independent study (PSYC 498), individual research (PSYC 598, PSYC 599), and/or practicum (PSYC 489) courses may apply as major credit and are recommended during the junior/senior year. Students must meet all required prerequisites, which are listed on the Bulletin. Students may not receive major credit for both PSYC 455 and 460.

Choose 1 from each of the following groups:	
PSYC 400 – Survey of Learning and Memory or PSYC 405 – Cognitive Psychology or PSYC 470 – Intro. to Lang. Sciences (<i>cross-listed: ANTH 373, LING 300</i>)	PSYC 410 – Behavioral and Mental Disorders or PSYC 440 – Survey of Personality or PSYC 510 – Child Behavior and Mental Disorders
PSYC 420 – Survey of Developmental Psychology or PSYC 430 – Survey of Social Psychology or PSYC 465 – Health Psychology or PSYC 480 – Multi-Cultural Psychology or PSYC 487 – Community Psychology	PSYC 450 – Sensation and Perception or PSYC 455 – Introduction to Neuroscience or PSYC 460 – Brain and Behavior or PSYC 503 – Psychology of Drug Use and Effects or PSYC 507 – Cognitive Neuroscience

- Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- Students must show mastery of college algebra as a pre-requisite to PSYC 227. This may be accomplished by a score of 14 or higher on the math placement test for algebra or by taking MATH 111. MATH 111 does not meet the CC-ARP requirement or any other program of study requirement, but would count for elective credit.
- The cognate is intended to support the interests of the student. The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major. In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence. A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.
- The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Program Notes:

- ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation. PSYC 101 and PSYC 226 must be completed in the first 30 hours as a declared Psychology major in order to remain in the Psychology program. Other courses identified as "critical" should be completed during the first year to ensure proper background knowledge before moving into PSYC 227 and 400-level PSYC courses.
- Students may repeat psychology major courses only once to earn the required grade of C or better. If after the second attempt, a student has not earned a grade of C or higher in PSYC 226, 227, or 228, the student will be removed from the major.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

Codes:	
CC Carolina Core	CC-INF Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-AIU Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-ARP Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-CMS Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CC-CMW Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR College Requirement
CC-GFL Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR Major Requirement
CC-GHS Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR Program Requirement
CC-GSS Carolina Core – Social Sciences	

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.