

CAREER ORIENTATION OVERLAY: COOL for HUMAN SERVICE POSITIONS

The COOL for Human Service Positions emphasizes specific coursework for students who wish to work in an applied or clinical setting after receiving their BA or BS degree with a Psychology major. A list of the types of jobs that have been obtained by psychology majors with a BA or BS degree can be found in the Student Advising Center. This COOL provides recommendations for students seeking jobs in the Mental Health/Social Services section of that listing.

Department Requirements

The Department of Psychology requires at least 30 credits in psychology, which must include Psych 111 (Introduction to Psychology), Psych 350 (Research Methods I), and Psych 351 (Research Methods II). In addition, the department requires successful completion of an elementary statistics course (Stat 330), Computer Science 147 or equivalent, and 15 credits of courses in psychology at the 400 level (e.g., five courses). See A Degree Programs for Majors in Psychology@ located in the advising center for specific information regarding psychology requirements for 400 level courses.

Recommended Courses

The Department of Psychology offers a number of courses that can help the student prepare for applied positions in psychology and related fields. These courses are listed below. These classes should help you determine which aspects of psychology you find interesting and that you might like to have a career in. You should also talk to your advisor about your interests and have him/her help you in planning a program of study. The courses below are grouped according to possible populations or jobs that you might be interested in.

Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

- Psych 211 - Behavior Modification
- Psych 473 - Child Psychopathology**
- Psych 474 - Developmental Disabilities**
- Minor in CDFS

Children and Adolescence

- Psych 211 - Behavior Modification
- Psych 213 - Developmental Psychology
- Psych 380 - Clinical Psychology**
- Psych 473 - Child Psychopathology**
- Psych 474 - Developmental Disabilities**
- Minor in CDFS

Adults

Psych 210 - Human Sexuality
Psych 211 - Behavior Modification
Psych 212 - Psychological Aspects of Drug Use and Abuse
Psych 380 - Clinical Psychology**
Psych 472 - Advanced Psychopathology**
Psych 471 - Psychology of Aging**
Minor in CDFS

The Elderly

Psych 211 - Behavior Modification
Psych 212 - Psychological Aspects of Drug Use and Abuse
Psych 213 - Developmental Psychology
Psych 472 - Advanced Psychopathology**
Psych 481 - Behavioral Medicine**
Psych 471 - Psychology of Aging**
Minor in: Gerontology

Health Related Settings

Psych 211 - Behavior Modification
Psych 472 - Advanced Psychopathology**
Psych 481 - Behavioral Medicine**
Psych 486 - Neuropsychology

** These courses have a prerequisite, consult your NDSU Bulletin for specific prerequisites for each course.

You should also plan on completing Psych 495 Field Experience. Talk to your advisor about how to get involved in this.

Minors

In addition to your Psychology major, it may be helpful to complete a minor to make you more competitive in certain fields. Minors that you might want to consider if you are interested in working with particular groups or in particular job areas are listed above. Other minors that you might want to consider include:

Child Development and Family Sciences
Sociology/Criminal Justice
Women's Studies

More information about all of these minors can be found in the *NDSU Bulletin*.