

Department of Psychology & Sociology

The Department of Psychology & Sociology offers students a solid liberal arts curriculum. In both majors, students develop an appreciation of themselves and their world through development of critical thinking, knowledge of scientific methodology and theory, and understanding of interpersonal and societal dynamics. At the undergraduate level, the department offers Bachelor of Science degrees in both Psychology and Sociology. At the graduate level the department offers a Master of Science degree in Community Counseling. ***Information regarding program requirements for the M.S. in Community Counseling, application procedures, and the pre-application advisement process is available in the Graduate Bulletin or may be obtained by written request to:***

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Each major will meet with a faculty advisor of the student's choice to develop academic and career goals and strategies. All majors in the department are encouraged to have an internship in an applied setting and to demonstrate competency and skills in their major as well as oral and written abilities. Students majoring in Psychology are exposed to a wide variety of specializations within the discipline. Psychology majors are encouraged to take PSYC 3070 and PSYC 3080 no later than the junior year.

MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

No grade below C will be acceptable in any psychology course for psychology majors.

Core Curriculum Requirements **60 hours**

All baccalaureate degree programs at NGCSU have as a requirement the satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester credit hours comprising the six areas of the core curriculum. A complete description of Areas A-E of the core curriculum can be found on page 105 Individual degree programs may specify exceptions and/or particular courses which must be taken within each Area A-E of the core curriculum. Those exceptions and/or course requirements and Area F of the core curriculum are shown below.

Area A	no exceptions - take the course you qualify for (strongly advises MATH 2450)
Area B	no exceptions
Area C	no exceptions
Area D	Strongly recommend PSYC majors to take BIOL 1107/L and BIOL 1108/L to satisfy pre-reqs; and either MATH 2400 or CSCI 1250

Area E Psychology majors must place PSYC 1101 in Area F.

Area F. Psychology Degree Related Courses 18 hours

PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 1102	Advanced General Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 2103	Human Growth and Development	3 hours
Computer Science 1250 or MATH 2400	(If not taken in Area D)	3 hours

Two (2) Electives at the 1000-2000 Level (PHIL 2500 recommended) 6 hours

G. Major and other Courses 39 hours

Required courses 27 hours

PSYC 3070	Quantitative Methods	4 hours
PSYC 3080	Research Methods	4 hours
PSYC 3150	Social Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 3310	Learning and Cognition	3 hours
PSYC 3430	Theories of Personality	3 hours
PSYC 3530	Abnormal Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 4230	Neuroscience	3 hours
PSYC 4900	Senior Psychology Seminar	3 hours

* At least one of the following labs must be taken. You may take 2, 3, or all 4 labs, but those hours will only count in the open elective area.

PSYC 3150L	Social Psychology Lab	1 hour
PSYC 3310L	Learning and Cognition Lab	1 hour
PSYC 3530L	Abnormal Psychology Lab	1 hour
PSYC 4230L	Neuroscience Lab	1 hour

The remaining 12 hours from the following courses:

PSYC 3090	History and Systems of Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 3181	Psychology of Aging	3 hours
PSYC 3400	Sport Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 3520	Human Sexuality	3 hours
PSYC 3600	Psychology of Women	3 hours
PSYC 4250	Sensation and Perception	3 hours
PSYC 4650	Group Dynamics	3 hours
PSYC 4669	Organizational Behavior	3 hours
PSYC 4750	Internship in Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 4840	Counseling and Clinical Theories and Interventions	3 hours
PSYC 4950	Independent Study in Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 4960	Psychological Reading and Research	3 hours
PSYC 4970	Senior Honors Thesis	3 hours

Minor- 15-18 hours: An academic minor is required for all Psychology majors. Students are to consult with their faculty advisors about the choice of a minor.

* Independent study (PSYC 4950) is not a repeatable course for Psychology majors or minors.

Open electives	6 hours
Basic Physical Education requirement (exclusive of the 120 hours required for the degree program)	3 hours
U.S. and Georgia Constitution and History requirement	3 hours

Military Science requirements (for students in the Military) 12 hours
Regents' Skills Test or exemption (must be taken during the first semester)

Minor in Psychology

Requirements of a minor in Psychology include completion of PSYC 1101 and 15 additional hours selected from 3000 - 4000-level Psychology courses. PSYC 4950 may not be repeated.

MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

No Grade below C will be acceptable in any Sociology course or any course in the major area for Sociology majors

Core Curriculum Requirements 60 hours

All baccalaureate degree programs at NGCSU have as a requirement the satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester credit hours comprising the six areas of the Core Curriculum. A complete description of Areas A-E of the core curriculum can be found on page 105. Individual degree programs may specify exceptions and/or particular courses which must be taken within each Area A-E of the core curriculum. Those exceptions and/or course requirements and Area F of the core curriculum are shown below.

Area A	no exceptions
Area B	no exceptions
Area C	no exceptions
Area D	no exceptions
Area E	no exceptions

Area F: Courses Appropriate to Major 18 hours

SOCI 1101	Introductory Sociology	3 hours
SOCI 1160	Social Problems	3 hours
SOCI 2100	Constructions of Difference	3 hours
SOCI 2400	Social Theory	3 hours
MATH 2400	(if not taken above)	3 hours
Elective from Area E above		3 hours

Select two (2) electives at the 1000-2000 level from the following disciplines: ANTH, CSCI, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLS, PSYC

3-6 hours

*Sociology 1101 serves as a prerequisite for all 3000-4000 level sociology courses.

MAJOR AREA

30 hours

SOCI 3020	Sociological Research Methods	3 hours
PSYC 3070	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3 hours
SOCI 4100	Advanced Social Theory	3 hours
SOCI 3000-4999		21 hours

MINOR AREA

15-18 hours

As determined by the department offering the minor.

ELECTIVES

12-15 hours

Basic Physical Education requirements (exclusive of the 120 hours required for the degree program)	3 hours
Military science requirements (if applicable)	
U.S. and Georgia Constitution and History requirement	3 hours
Regents' Skills Test or exemption (must be taken during the first semester)	
Senior Exit Exam	

Minor in Sociology

Requirements of a minor in Sociology include completion of SOCI 1101 and SOCI 1160 and 12 additional hours selected from 3000-4000 level Sociology courses.

GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Gerontology Certificate Program at North Georgia College & State University is designed to enable students at the undergraduate and graduate level, non-degree students, and residents of the community to obtain a certificate in 2-3 semesters of course work. Students will complete a total of fifteen (15) semester hours of graduate level, or upper level undergraduate, courses to meet the requirements of the certificate program. Twelve (12) of the hours must come from our 4 foundational courses: Survey of Aging, Biology of Aging, Sociology of Aging, Psychology of Aging. These courses are being offered as online classes and each one will be available at least once during an academic year (Two in the fall and two in the spring semesters). Additionally, students will need to select either a supervised Practicum Experience (GERO 3581) or participate in a Research Experience (GERO 3681) with a faculty member working in any area of Gerontology. Both the practicum and research experience must be approved by a faculty member in the Gerontology program.

**Requirements for
Interdisciplinary Minor in Leadership Citizen Track.**

15 Total Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: Interview with the leadership advisor.

9 credit hours selected from recommended list of 3000 or higher level course and approved by leadership advisor.

LEAD 4000	Advanced Studies in Leadership	3 hours
LEAD 4490	Leadership Internship	3 hours

**FOR COURSES OFFERED IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY
SEE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
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