To graduate with a major in Psychology, students must also fulfill the requirements set by the College of Arts and Sciences for the B.A. degree. See the University Catalog or your academic advisor for the specific requirements.

A major in Psychology requires a minimum of 36 credit hours in Psychology (PSYC) or Neuroscience (NRSC) courses with grades of C- or better. At least 20 of these credit hours must be in upper-division PSYC or NRSC coursework that includes a minimum of 10 credit hours at the 4000-level. The major also requires an ancillary natural science sequence (see #3 below).

Transfer students must complete a minimum of 12 upper-division credits for the major through CU Boulder coursework, including one course from area #6 below, to meet Major Residency Requirements.

No more than 45 hours in Psychology will apply toward graduation. The only exception to the 45-hour limit is coursework for Honors Seminars and Thesis, but only up to six hours of honors coursework may count toward graduation. Any course that is cross-listed with other departments will count in the department in which the student has the most hours, regardless of how the student registers for the course.

The grade point average of all work in Psychology must be at least a 2.0 (C) to graduate with a Psychology major. All required psychology courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C-. If a student receives less than a C- in a required course, they must obtain a C- or better in an alternative course that meets the requirement or retake the course and earn a C- or better.

Students may also be required to take an exit survey or another form of learning assessment to graduate in Psychology. If required, students will receive an email about this during their final year.

**Psychology Major (credit hours in parentheses)**

It is generally recommended that Psychology majors complete all lower-division and ancillary Psychology coursework by the end of sophomore year. Please discuss planning of your coursework with your academic advisor.

1. **PSYC 1001 (3) General Psychology**

2. **All of the following Psychology lower-division breadth courses (Pre-requisite is PSYC 1001):**
   - PSYC 2012 (3) Biological Psychology
   - PSYC 2145 (3) Introductory Cognitive Psychology
   - PSYC 2606 (3) Social Psychology

3. **One of the following Ancillary Natural Science sequences (with a C- or better in both classes):**
   - CHEM 1011 (3) & 1031 (4) Environmental Chemistry I & II
   - CHEM 1113 (4) & 1133 (4) General Chemistry I & II (*enrollment in the Gen Chem labs – CHEM 1114 (1) and 1134 (1) - is required by the Chemistry Department*)
   - CHEM 1251 (5) & 1271 (5) General Chemistry I & II for Chemistry/Biochemistry Majors
   - EBSI 1150 (3) & 1220 (3) General Biology I & II
   - MCDB 1150 (3) & 2150 (3) Introduction to MCD Biology and Principles of Genetics
   - PHYS 1110 (4) & 1120 (4) General Physics I & II (Calculus-based physics)
   - PHYS 2010 (5) & 2020 (5) General Physics I & II (Algebra-based physics)

The following two sequences **do not** meet the Natural Science Sequence requirement for the older Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum. Students who complete their Psychology requirement with one of these sequences and intend to graduate under the A&S Core must **also** complete an approved Natural Science Sequence for the Core Curriculum.

   - MATH 1300 (5) & 2300 (5) Analytic Geometry and Calculus I & II
   - MCDB 1150 (3) & EBSI 1220 (3) Intro to MCD Biology and General Biology II
   - MCDB 1111 (3) & MCDB 2222 (3) Core Concepts in Biology I & II

Please refer to back for further requirements
4. Psychological Science Sequence:
   - **PSYC 2111 (4)** Psychological Science I: Statistics
     -- Pre-requisite is MATH 1011 (College Algebra), MATH 1071 (Finite Math), MATH 1150 (Pre-Calculus), MATH 1212 (Data & Models), or Calculus (such as Math 1300 or Math 1081). Other courses at this math level or higher may be approved upon review. The pre-requisite must be passed at C- or higher. NOTE: MATH 2510 does not meet the pre-req.
     -- PSYC 3101, taken before Fall 2015, is acceptable to fulfill the PSYC 2111 requirement
   - **PSYC 3111 (4)** Psychological Science II: Research Methods
     -- Pre-requisite is PSYC 2111 or PSYC 3101 (taken before Fall 2015)

5. At least one of the following courses:
   - PSYC 3303 (3) Abnormal Psychology (Pre-requisite is PSYC 1001)
   - PSYC 3102 (3) Behavioral Genetics

6. At least one of the following upper-division Laboratory & Methods courses through CU Boulder. These Lab and Methods courses require at least PSYC 2111 (or 3101 if taken before Fall 2015) and 3111 as pre-requisites. See catalog descriptions for additional pre-requisites:
   - PSYC 4136 (4) Judgment & Decision Making
   - PSYC 4145 (4) Advanced Cognitive Psychology
   - PSYC 4155 (4) Cognitive Neuroscience
   - PSYC 4165 (4) Psychology of Perception
   - PSYC 4175 (4) Computational Cognitive Neuroscience
   - PSYC 4376 (4) Research Methods in Social Psychology
   - PSYC 4443 (4) Research Methods in Clinical Psychology
   - PSYC 4733 (4) Psychological Testing and Assessment
   - PSYC 4744 (4) Methods in Developmental Psychology

7. PSYC and NRSC electives, including the alternative courses listed under #5 and #6 above (see the University catalog for a full list of courses), to bring the total credit hours in Psychology to at least 36, of which at least 20 must be upper-division and at least 10 of those credits at the 4000-level.
   -- Some courses are offered in multiple sections and each section has a different topic. These courses may be repeated (up to 9 credits), provided the topics are different in each section taken. Because PSYC electives can vary by semester and academic year, see the catalog for details.
   -- Because PSYC 4841 (Independent Study) must be graded as pass/fail, these credits do not count toward the major hours required, but they do count toward the maximum allowable hours in Psychology (45) toward graduation.

These Psychology Major requirements are effective at the start of the semester, Fall, 2018  (revised 3-20-2018)