A major in Psychology requires a minimum of 31 hours in Psychology with grades of C- or better. At least 18 of these hours must be in upper-division (3000 or 4000 level) coursework.

A minimum of 12 upper-division credits for the major must be completed 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 towards the minimum of 120 hours required for graduation. The only exception to this 45-hour limit is for Honors Seminars and/or Thesis credit (PSYC 3001, 4001 and 4011), where up to 6 additional hours are allowed. Any course that is cross-listed with two or more departments will count in the department in which the student has the most hours, regardless of how the student registers for the course.

The average of all work in Psychology must be at least a 2.0 (C). A grade of D in a required Psychology course will not fulfill the requirement, although the credit hours will count toward graduation. If a student receives any D-level grade in a required course, he or she must receive a C- or better in an alternative course that meets the requirement, or retake the course and earn a C- or better (and receive no additional college credit since the student has already received credit for the D).

Seniors may be asked to take a Departmental Exit Survey during the spring semester.

**Psychology Major (credits are in parentheses)**

1. **PSYC 1001 (3) General Psychology** (4 credits prior to Fall 2012)

2. **All of the following Psychology core courses:**
   - PSYC 2012 (3) Biological Psychology
   - PSYC 2145 (3) Introductory Cognitive Psychology
   - PSYC 2606 (3) Social Psychology

3. **One of the following natural science sequences (with a C- or better in both classes):**
   NOTE: It is recommended that you complete this sequence by the end of your sophomore year.

   *The following seven sequences will also fulfill the Arts and Sciences Natural Science Sequence Core Requirement:*
   - CHEM 1011 (3) & 1031 (4) Environmental Chemistry I & II
   - CHEM 1113 (4) & 1133 (4) General Chemistry I & II (Chemistry Dept. enforces the co-requisite labs)
   - CHEM 1251 (5) & 1271 (5) General Chemistry I & II for Chemistry/Biochemistry Majors
   - EBI0 1210 (3) & 1220 (3) General Biology I & II
   - MCD B 1150 (3) & 2150 (3) Intro 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 Arts and Sciences Core. Students who complete their Psychology requirement with one of the sequences below 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) & EBI0 1220 (3) Intro to MCD Biology and General Biology II

It is recommended that Psychology majors complete areas #1, #2, #3 and #4 before attempting areas #5, #6, and #7. Discuss planning of upper-division Psychology coursework with your advisor. See reverse.

   --PSYC 3101 will be renumbered to become PSYC 2111 (lower-division) in Fall 2015.
   --The prerequisite (C- or higher required) for PSYC 3101/2111 is one of the following:
     MATH 1011, 1071, 1150, 1081, or 1300.
   --Transfer psychology statistics courses must be individually evaluated.

5. **At least one of the following courses must be taken:**

   PSYC 3303/4303  (3) Abnormal Psychology or
   PSYC 3102  (3) Behavioral Genetics (Prerequisite: PSYC 3101 or 2111)

   NOTE: If you took PSYC 3313 (Psychopathology) at CU in the past (a course which is no longer offered), you cannot also earn credit for PSYC 3303/4303. Please see your Degree Audit and, if you have questions, be sure to ask your PSYC advisor.

6. **At least one of the following upper-division “Laboratory & Methods” courses must be taken at CU Boulder:**

   NOTE: All of the courses in area #6 require at least PSYC 3101/2111 as a prerequisite. See course descriptions for additional prerequisites. These courses do not count for A&S Core.

   PSYC 3001 (4) Honors Research Methods Seminar
   **PSYC 3111 (4) Psychological Sciences II: Research Methods**
   PSYC 4052 (4) Behavioral Neuroscience
   PSYC 4136 (4) Human Judgment & Decision Making Lab
   PSYC 4145 (4) Advanced Cognitive Psychology
   PSYC 4155 (4) Cognitive Neuroscience/ Neuropsychology
   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

   **New Addition. But, PSYC 3111 does not count as a Lab & Methods course for new PSYC majors who are under the Fall 2014 and forward (orange) PSYC requirements. Please bring questions to your advisor.**

7. **Psychology Electives (see the online catalog for a full list) to bring the total hours in Psychology to at least 31, of which at least 18 must be upper division.**

   --Multiple sections of PSYC 4541 (Special Topics in Psychology), PSYC 4606 (Advanced Topics in Social Psychology), and PSYC 4521 (Critical Thinking in Psychology) may be offered, and each section has a different topic. PSYC 4541 may be repeated up to 9 total credits, provided the topics vary. PSYC 4606 may be repeated up to 6 total credits, provided the topics vary. PSYC 4521 is usually restricted to seniors and can only be taken once for credit.

   --Because PSYC 2841/4841 (Independent Study) grades are pass/fail only, these credits do not count toward the major hours required but will count toward the 45-hour maximum major hours allowed.

**College of Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements**

In addition to the basic Arts & Sciences requirements (foreign language, MAPS, College Core Curriculum, etc.), candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree must fulfill the following minimum college requirements:

1. A total of 120 hours passed. Only 45 hours from any one department can contribute to this total. (Up to 6 hours of designated departmental honors courses are exempted from this maximum.)
2. 45 hours of upper-division work (courses numbered in the 3000s to 4000s)
3. Minimum 2.0 GPA overall and in the major.
4. Completion of 45 hours at the University of Colorado at Boulder, 30 of which must be upper division in the College of Arts and Sciences after matriculation.
5. The requirements for the student’s major as set by the department.