UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR
(For students starting the Psychology major Fall 2014 and after)

- A major in Psychology requires a minimum of 34 hours in Psychology courses with grades of C- or better. At least 18 of these hours must be in upper-division (3000 or 4000 level) coursework. The major also requires an ancillary natural science sequence (see #3 below).
- 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 toward graduation. The only exception to the 45 hour limit is coursework for Honors Seminars and Thesis (PSYC 3001, 4001, and 4011, but only up to six hours). 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). 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 a grade of D 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 (thus receiving zero credit since the student already received degree credit for the prior D).
- In designated years, students are required to take a senior survey in order to graduate in Psychology. This survey is administered in the spring. Spring, summer, and fall graduates should take the survey at that time. If required, students will receive an email about this survey during their final year.

Psychology Major (credits 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 advisor.

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

2. **All of the following Psychology lower-division breadth courses:**
   - 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):**

   *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 *(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
   - EBIO 1210 (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 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) & EBIO 1220 (3) Intro to MCD Biology and General Biology 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), or Calculus (such as Math 1300 or Math 1081). Other courses at this math level or higher upon review. The pre-requisite must be passed at C- or higher.
   --PSYC 2111 replaces PSYC 3101 after summer 2015; PSYC 3101 is acceptable to fulfill Psychological Science I: Statistics.

   PSYC 3111 (4) Psychological Science II: Research Methods
   --Pre-requisite is PSYC 2111 or 3101.
   --Courses from other departments (IPHY, SOCY, MATH, etc.) cannot be used to meet this requirement.
   --Transfer courses will be individually evaluated.

5. At least one of the following courses:

   PSYC 3303 (3) Abnormal Psychology (formerly PSYC 4303)
   PSYC 3102 (3) Behavioral Genetics (pre-requisite is PSYC 2111 or PSYC 3101)

6. At least one of the following upper-division Laboratory & Methods courses through CU Boulder coursework. These Labs and Methods courses require at least PSYC 2111 (or 3101) and 3111 as pre-requisites. See online catalog descriptions for additional pre-requisites:

   PSYC 3001 (4) Honors Research Methods Seminar
   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

7. Psychology electives (see the online catalog for a full list) to bring the total hours in Psychology to at least 34, of which at least 18 must be upper-division.

   --Multiple sections of PSYC 4521 (Critical Thinking in Psychology), PSYC 4541 (Special Topics in Psychology), and PSYC 4606 (Advanced Topics in Social Psychology) may be offered, and each section has different topic. PSYC 4521 is usually restricted to seniors and can only be taken once for credit. 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.
   --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 Psychology major credit maximum.

College of Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements

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

1. A total of 120 hours passed. A minimum of 75 hours must be from outside the major. (Up to 6 hours of designated departmental honors seminar or thesis credits are exempted from this 75 hour minimum.)
2. 45 hours of upper-division work (courses numbered in the 3000’s and 4000’s).
3. Minimum 2.0 GPA overall and in the major.
4. Completion of 45 hours of non-transferred CU Boulder coursework, 30 of which must be upper-division in the College of Arts and Sciences after matriculation.
5. The requirements for the student’s major(s) as set by the department.

The above Psychology Major requirements are effective as of August 25, 2014 (revised 10-13-2014)