**Psychology Change of Major Process and Course Selection**

The Department of Psychology accepts change-of-major students in fall, spring, summer semesters. Current Clemson students interested in changing their major to Psychology must meet specific criteria to be eligible.

* Students must have a 2.4 Clemson GPA
* Students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at Clemson or in the Bridge Program. No other transfer credits will count for this process
* Students must have completed the following courses:
  + PSYC 2010 (Introductory Psychology)
  + PSYC 2030 (Fundamentals of Psychological Science) with a C or higher

**Change of Major Guidelines:**

* Non-majors and minors may take 3000 level Psychology courses that meet major requirements (some courses are restricted to majors and minors only). Please refer to course descriptions and iRoar restrictions for requirements before registering.
* PSYC 3090
  + Priority is given to current Psychology majors. If there is space available after current Psychology majors have enrolled, newly admitted Psychology students may register for the remaining seats.
* Student must complete and have a earn a C or higher in PSYC 2030 to change their major.
* PSYC 2030 may be taken at another institution. Note that if a similar course is not already on the approved list of courses within [TCEL](https://transferringcredits.app.clemson.edu/transferequivalency.php), such transfer credits will need to be evaluated and approved prior to taking the class at the other institution.
* Both the Psychology BS and BA require a minimum of 4 semesters to complete.
* Psychology does not have constraints on our minor. Students may add the Psychology minor at any time with their current assigned advisor.
* Becoming a Psychology major may impact the fees that you pay. Please refer to [Clemson tuition and fee calculator](https://www.clemson.edu/finance/student-financials/tuition-fees/index.html) as well as additional [major course fees](https://www.clemson.edu/cbshs/departments/psychology/undergraduate/fees.html).

**Additional notes:**

Change of major students will need to develop a multi-semester plan to complete the sequence of major-specific courses (which also includes the required 4000-level credits). We will not make exceptions to the course sequence for students who have already completed numerous other credits (including Psychology classes) and want to complete the psychology degree in a couple of semesters.

Psychology does not currently have constraints on our minor. Students who start down the path towards a change of major to Psychology, but do not complete it (for whatever reason) should still be able to complete a Psychology minor.

Taking Psychology Courses

Students interested in changing to or adding a major in Psychology can use Degree Works and the Catalog to develop a potential graduation plan. Please use the following notes as they may help you in deciding if majoring in Psychology fits with your desired graduation date. **We strongly encourage students to continue their designated major’s curriculum while incorporating the courses outlined in the Psychology curriculum when possible.**

Steps For Degree Planning:

1. Use the “What-If” function of Degree works – iRoar > Student Self-Service > Degree Works
   1. Click “What-If”
   2. Choose Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) under “Degree”
   3. Choose Psychology under “Major”
   4. Choose a potential minor under “Minor”
   5. Click “Process”
2. Refer to the [Clemson Catalog](https://catalog.clemson.edu/)
   1. Go to <https://catalog.clemson.edu/>
   2. Choose the current or newest academic year’s Undergraduate Catalog in the dropdown
   3. Choose “College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences”
   4. Choose your desired Psychology Major degree program (BA or BS)

Notes about Psychology Course Progression

**All majors are required to take a sequence of research-based courses that will require a minimum of four semesters to complete. This is true even if it extends your planned graduation date.**

1. PSYC 2010 is required to take the majority of future psychology courses. Ideally, it is taken before 2030 but can be completed at the same time.
2. A minimum grade of a C is required in PSYC 2030 to be able to progress to PSYC 3090/3091.
3. A passing grade is required in PSYC 3090/3091 to be able to progress to PSYC 3100/3101.
4. A passing grade is required in PSYC 3100/3101 to be able to take 4000-4890 level PSYC courses.
5. Students are required to take a minimum of three credits from the 4000 – 4890 level and three credits from the 4000 – 4999 level.
6. Changing to Psychology as a first semester junior or later will most likely result in extending your desired graduation date due to prerequisite sequencing of PSYC 2030, 3090, 3100, and most 4000-level classes. This sequence cannot be completed in fewer than four semesters.

Course options major that will meet Psychology Requirements prior to declaring the major:

* PSYC 2010
* General Education Requirements
  + Note: PHIL 1020 is required for BS degree-seeking students to meet General Education Non-Literature requirement
* Any courses that meet the departmental math or science requirement
* Modern Language through the 2020 level (BA Only)
* Any courses towards your desired minor
* Any Psychology courses open to Psychology minors if you have declared a PSYC minor appearing in iROAR or any Psychology courses open to all students.
* Electives

Students are encouraged to use the What-If feature in Degree Works and the Catalog to look at the required courses. Students can also work with their current academic advisor, if they are willing, to determine if the change of major to Psychology is the best decision for the student.

Alternatives to the Psychology major

If you are interested in learning more about or working with people, there are a variety of other majors to consider as well. For more information about these majors, please contact the specific department(s) you are interested in directly.

* Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice
  + Anthropology Major
  + Sociology Major
  + Criminal Justice
* Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management
  + Recreational Therapy Concentration
  + Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Concentration
    - Community Recreation and Sport Management Emphasis
    - Park, Conservation, and Outdoor Recreation Emphasis
    - Tourism and Event Management Emphasis
* Human Capital Education and Development in the College of Education
* Department of Philosophy & Religion
  + Health, Medicine, and Human Values
  + Law, Liberty, and Justice
  + Philosophy
  + Religious Studies
* Department of Political Science
* Department of History