



# Department of Psychology

Information for Newly Admitted  
Students to the Faculty of Science and  
Majoring in Psychology

# Psychology Undergraduate Advising Office

- Located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of 2001 McGill College
- **Paola Carvajal, Chief Academic Advisor**
  - Can help with program advising & other academic questions, career & graduate study advising, etc.
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  - Office is in Room 470
- **Tanya Aiello, Student Advising Administrator**
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- **Julia Marussi, Undergraduate Program Coordinator**
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# Office Hours

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# Psychology Website

<https://www.mcgill.ca/psychology/>

- **Looking for the drop-in advising schedule?**
  - Click on 'Undergraduate'
- **Looking for info regarding your psychology program?**
  - Click on 'Programs of Study,' then the Bachelor you are completing, then the program
- **Looking for info about courses?**
  - Click on 'Undergraduate Courses Offered'

# Other Advising Resources

- **SOUSA**: Science Office for Undergraduate Student Advising (<https://www.mcgill.ca/science/undergraduate/advice/sousa>)
  - Located in Dawson Hall, Room 405 (Main Campus)
- **Science Faculty Advisor**: Check your MINERVA transcript
  - Can help with general academic info, degree requirements, academic standing, program selection, credit load, procedures for withdrawal, deadlines, etc.
- For contact information, see <https://www.mcgill.ca/science/undergraduate/advice/sousa>

# Other Helpful Resources

- Campus Life & Engagement

- Info about campus resources and services for students and parents
  - Orientation
  - Ressources pour les étudiant(e)s francophones
  - Monthly newsletter
  - Student Life at McGill (i.e., athletics, student associations)
- Located in Suite 4100, Brown Student Services Building
- Contact info: <https://www.mcgill.ca/cle/contact>

# Email

- You now have a McGill email address!
  - It is: [firstname.lastname@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@mail.mcgill.ca)
  - The McGill address and inbox are given automatically upon confirmation on Minerva of acceptance to McGill. Notification of this is sent to the email address the student provided upon application.
- Use only this address in all communication with University departments & offices. University employees will send emails to your McGill address only.
- For information on email access set-up, logins and passwords, MINERVA, etc., see
  - <https://www.mcgill.ca/it/>

**Getting a B.Sc. at McGill:**  
**Faculty of Science Requirements**



# Getting a B.Sc. at McGill: Overview

- A B.Sc. requires **120 credits** (students can receive up to 30 advanced credits from CEGEP, AP credits, A-Levels, IB, etc.)
    - *If you did CEGEP = 30 credits, so 90 left to complete at McGill*
    - *If you did U0 year = ~30 credits, so ~90 left to complete at McGill*
  - How do you structure those credits?
    - **Majors:**
      - Typically centered on one discipline/department
      - All B.Sc. students must complete **one major program** in the Faculty of Science.
        - Second major is allowable (“double major”)
    - **Minors:** Coherent sequence of courses in a discipline (sometimes interdisciplinary). Less comprehensive than a major; requires fewer credits.
      - Minors are optional for B.Sc. Students.
    - **Core Science Component** (B.Sc. Liberal Program only)
      - Instead of a major, do one CSC and one breadth component
- ...plus electives for the remaining credits

**Getting a B.Sc. at McGill:**

**Psychology Department Requirements**

# Checklists!

Download them, use them, save them!

Available online:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/psychology/undergraduate/programs-study/bachelor-science-bsc>

(click on your program, and it will be on the right-hand side)

# What are the Prerequisites?

- If you need to take any of the prerequisites at McGill, they will be categorized as elective credit.
- **Introductory Psychology – PSYC 100**
  - If you have a CEGEP (or university-level) equivalent, you do not take PSYC 100
  - Examples of equivalent courses (CEGEP titles)
    - “Introduction to Psychology”
    - “Introductory Psychology”
    - “General Psychology”
- **Biology – BIOL 111 or BIOL 112**
  - Examples of equivalent courses (CEGEP titles)
    - “General Biology 1” (or 2)
    - “Biology”

# Statistics: PSYC 204

- **For Majors:** PSYC 204 is a prerequisite
- **For Liberals:** PSYC 204 is part of program
- You are **exempted** from PSYC 204 if, in CEGEP, you have already completed **with a grade of 75% or higher:**

**Statistics**

*or*

**Probability & Statistics**

- **Note 1:** *If you do not* have either, you must take PSYC 204 at McGill
- **Note 2:** *If you are exempt, then you may not* take PSYC 204 for credit.
  - **For Liberals ONLY** – *If you receive this exemption, you will replace PSYC 204 with 3 credits at the 300 level or higher in Psychology.*
- **Note 3:** *If you receive exemption & if you plan to apply for Honours, then you must take PSYC 305 **in U1.***

# B.Sc.: Major in Psychology

- **Major in Psychology (54 credits):**

- **Psychology courses = 42 credits**

- **Related Areas = 12 credits**

- Anatomy

- Chemistry

- Physiology

- Biochemistry

- Computer Science

- Psychology

- Biology

- Mathematics

- Psychiatry

- **Elective courses (36 credits):**

- Any course in Faculties of Arts or of Science.

- Courses in other faculties must be on list of approved courses:

- [Course Requirements | eCalendar - McGill University](#)

- *Other faculties: max of 6 credits/year, 18 cr total*

- Students in Faculty of Science may use some or all of these credits for a minor or second major program. See section “Overview of Programs Offered” of online calendar for list of programs.

# Major in Psychology (54 credits)

- **Courses in “Related Areas”:**
- **Can** include Psychology
- **Must** be at 300 level or above
  - Courses taken at 200 level are considered **electives**
- **Must** also be passed with grade of C or higher
  - Grades of D will be counted as electives
  - Grades of F do not count for credit

# B.Sc.: Liberal CSC in Psychology

- **Core Science Component in Psychology: 45 credits**
  - Psychology courses = 45 credits
- **Breadth Component (2<sup>nd</sup> area): 18 to 50 credits**
  - **Minor conc., Minor, Major conc., or 2<sup>nd</sup> CSC**  
*(overlap credits may be permitted, depending on program)*
  - See sections of Undergrad Calendar for options
  - Must be in a discipline other than Psychology
- **Elective Courses: 0 to 27 credits**
  - Any course in Faculty of Arts or Science, or on list of approved courses
  - [Course Requirements | eCalendar - McGill University](#)

**TOTAL: 90 credits**



# B.Sc. Major in Psychology (54 credits)

- **U1 Required Courses (12 credits)**

- PSYC 211: Intro to Behavioural Neuroscience
- PSYC 212: Perception
- PSYC 213 Cognition
- PSYC 215: Social Psychology

- **U1 or U2 Required Courses (3 credits)**

- PSYC 305: Statistics for Experimental Design
  - If planning to apply to Honours Psychology at the end of U1, then need to complete PSYC 305 in U1.

- **Complementary Courses (39 credits)**

- 6 credits Psychology from **List A** (i.e., **Behavioural Neuroscience, Cognitive, QM**)
- 6 credits Psychology from **List B** (i.e., **Social, Health, Developmental**)
- 6 credits in Psychology at 300 level or above
- 9 credits in Psychology at 400 level or above
- 12 credits in Psychology or Related Areas at 300 level or above
  - (Related Areas: Anatomy, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physiology, Psychology, Psychiatry)

# B.Sc.: Liberal Program in Psychology

- **Required Courses (3 credits)**

- PSYC 204: Introductory Statistics

- **Complementary courses (42 credits)**

- 9 credits from:
  - PSYC 211: Intro to Behavioural Neuroscience
  - PSYC 212: Perception
  - PSYC 213: Cognition
  - PSYC 215: Social Psychology
- 6 credits in Psychology from **List A (Behavioural Neuroscience, Cognitive, QM)**
- 6 credits in Psychology from **List B (Social, Health, Developmental)**
- 15 credits in Psychology at 300 level or above
- 6 credits in Psychology at 400 level or above

**Getting a B.Sc. at McGill:**  
**Other Useful Things to Know**

# Elective Courses: How to Choose?

- **Interest!**
- **Diversity**
- **200 levels in Related Areas** (pre-reqs)
- **Francophones:** There are a few courses offered in French; also courses in English as a second language
- **Electives can be chosen from the Faculty of Arts or the Faculty of Science** (make sure you meet the prerequisite/s)
- **Electives in Faculties other than Arts or Science:** B.Sc. students can take a MAX of 18 credits total in Faculties other than Arts or Science (e.g.: Management, Education, etc.).
  - See Section “*Courses Outside the Faculties of Arts and of Science*” for B.Sc. of 2023-2024 Online Undergraduate Calendar for more details.
- **Note:** Minerva is a computer program that was not designed to perform any gate-keeping functions. In other words, MINERVA will let you do things that conflict with Faculty and/or Departmental regulations and requirements. So: **MINERVA will not indicate to you whether you have reached your maximum.** You must keep track of this yourself.

# Course Load

- **Normally, 5 courses** (15 credits) per semester
- **Full-time status** means 4 or 5 courses (12-15 credits) per semester
- **Quebec loans:** Minimum of 4 courses (12 credits) per semester
  - Other government **loans: Check with Financial Aid Officer**
- **McGill Scholarships:** Minimum of 27 *graded* credits per academic year (i.e., Fall & Winter semesters) to be eligible for scholarship *and* to keep one.
- **Psychology Honours Program:** Minimum of 27 *graded* credits in the academic year (i.e., Fall & Winter) before you apply.
- **You are advised** to take 4 courses in your first semester if you:
  - work over 10 hours per week
  - are studying in English for the first time
  - have been out of school for a few years
  - have family or other commitments that require a significant amount of your time.

# What do I Register for in U1?

**Everyone** who intends to do a Psych Major should register for the following courses in U1:

**PSYC 211** (Intro to Behavioural Neuroscience)

**PSYC 212** (Perception)

**PSYC 213** (Cognition)

**PSYC 215** (Social Psychology)

**PSYC 204** (Introductory Stats) (unless equivalent already completed)

Interested in the Liberal CSC in Psych? Contact us individually.

Recommended in U1 is (***if applying to Honours at the end of U1, then you must complete in U1***):

**PSYC 305** (Experimental Stats)

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**The number of prerequisites remaining will impact:**

- when you take your stats courses
- the number of electives you take

*See next slide for examples*

# Sample Schedules for U1

- **Sample 1** – If no prerequisites completed yet:

**FALL 2023:**

PSYC 211: Intro to Beh. Neurosci  
PSYC 215: Social Psychology  
BIOL 111/2: Biology  
PSYC 100: Introductory Psych  
XXXX ????: Elective or Minor course

**WINTER 2024:**

PSYC 204: Intro to Statistics  
PSYC 212: Perception  
PSYC 213: Cognition  
XXXX ????: Elective or Minor  
XXXX ????: Elective or Minor

PSYC 305  
in U1 or  
U2

- **Sample 2** – If have completed prereqs (incl stats):

**FALL 2023:**

PSYC 211: Intro to Beh. Neurosci  
PSYC 215: Social Psychology  
XXXX???: Elective or Minor course  
XXXX ????: Elective or Minor course  
XXXX ????: Elective or Minor course

**WINTER 2024:**

PSYC 212: Perception  
PSYC 213: Cognition  
PSYC 305: Stats for Experim. Design  
XXXX ????: Elective or Minor course  
XXXX ????: Elective or Minor course

*If you have some of the prerequisite or statistics courses done, your schedule would involve a combination of the principles governing those above*

# Dates & Deadlines to Know About

- Confirm these dates and others on the following website:  
<https://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates/>

## **Fall 2023:**

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|--|---------------------------|
| – <b>First day of class:</b>                 | <b>Wed. August 30</b>     |
| – <b>Course Change (&amp; S/U option):</b>   | <b>Tues. September 12</b> |
| – <b>Withdrawal, <i>with</i> fee refund:</b> | <b>Tues. September 19</b> |
| – <b>Withdrawal, <i>no</i> fee refund:</b>   | <b>Tues. October 24</b>   |
| – <b>Last Day of Class:</b>                  | <b>Tues. December 5</b>   |
| – <b>Exam period:</b>                        | <b>Dec. 7 to Dec. 21</b>  |



# Dates & Deadlines to Know About

## Winter 2024:

- **First day of class:** **Thurs. January 4**
- **Course Change (& S/U option):** **Tues. January 16**
- **Withdrawal, *with* fee refund:** **Tues. January 23**
- **Withdrawal, winter course, *no* refund:** **Tues. February 27**
- **Reading Week:** **Mar. 4 to Mar. 8**
- **Last day of class:** **Fri. April 12**
- **Exam period:** **Apr. 15 to Apr. 30**

# Plan of Action

- **Online: Declare your major** as *Psychology* on MINERVA
  - Go to “Student Menu” --- “Student Records Menu” --- “Change Your Curriculum”
- **Register for the PSYC courses** you plan to take for **Fall & Winter** as soon as registration opens.
- **How to Register?**
  - Go to “Student Menu” --- “Registration Menu”

Over the next 3 or so years you spend at McGill, there will be other pieces of info you will want to have. Come visit the Advising Office, keep your eye out for talks/presentations, and talk to Faculty, etc.

Wishing you a wonderful start to  
the semester!