

Bachelor of Arts

Psychology Department

Multi-track options for Arts students

The multi-track degree in Arts is intended to provide the student with a multidisciplinary undergraduate education. As such, Arts students must complete at least two programs (major, minor concentrations) in two different areas/disciplines. Major concentrations typically require 36 credits, and all minor concentrations require 18 credits. Honours students also complete a second concentration (a minor or 2nd major) in a second discipline.

Arts students must select one of the multi-track program options outlined below. The Psychology department offers to Arts students a major concentration, a minor concentration, an honours program, and a joint honours component.

Option A:	1 major concentration	36 credits
	1 minor concentration	18 credits
	Electives	36 credits
Option B:	1 major concentration	36 credits
	2 nd major concentration	36 credits
	Electives	18 credits
Option C:	1 major concentration	36 credits
	1 minor concentration	18 credits
	2 nd minor concentration	18 credits
	Electives	18 credits

Students accepted to McGill on any basis other than a Quebec CEGEP diploma are required to complete 120 credits at McGill, and must therefore add 30 credits of freshman requirements to the options outlined on this information sheet.

Remember, there must be at least two different disciplines represented in any option. For example, under Option A, if the major is in Psychology, then the minor must be in a different discipline. However, if this same student chooses Option C and adds a minor concentration in a non-overlapping discipline, then the second minor concentration *can* be in the same discipline as the major, although it can also be in a 3rd discipline.

Upon completion of the U1 year, students may apply to the Honours program or the Joint Honours Component in Psychology. Admission is selective and primarily grade-based. If accepted, students would complete one of:

Option H1:	Honours Program Psychology	60 credits
	Minor concentration	18 credits
	Electives	12 credits
Option H2:	Joint Honours Component Psych	36 credits
	Joint Honours Component other Arts	36 credits
	Electives	18 credits

Background for Psychology Majors: Students who major in Psychology are expected to have completed a course in **Introductory Psychology** and one in **Biology** either in college; as AP (score of 4 or better) or higher-level IB (score of 5 or better) credits; during the freshman year of university or at latest, as co-requisites during the U1 year.

McGill course number & title	Possible CEGEP course titles
PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology	Introduction to Psychology <i>or</i> General Psychology
BIOL 115: Essential Biology <i>-or- BIOL 111: Organismal Biology</i> <i>-or- BIOL 112: Cell & Molecular Biology</i>	Human Biology 1 or 2 <i>-or- General Biology 1</i> <i>-or- General Biology 2</i>

Students *minoring* in Psychology need only complete the Introductory Psychology prerequisite. However, students switching from a minor to a *major* must then complete the Biology prerequisite.

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Programs in Psychology

Major Concentration (36 credits):

The major concentration for Arts students is intended to provide students with a basic knowledge in Psychology. A major concentration must be combined with a program in another discipline, either another major concentration, or one or two minor concentrations. The major concentration alone is normally not sufficiently focused to prepare students for graduate study in Psychology. These students are advised to complete an Honours program or to combine the major concentration with a minor concentration in Behavioral Science. However, the major concentration alone may be of interest to those who plan to pursue a profession in other fields, such as law, medicine, management, or education, and to those who plan to apply to multidisciplinary graduate programs, for example, cognitive science, criminology, or the social studies of medicine. It will also be of interest to students whose current desire is to obtain a broad undergraduate education.

★Behavioural Science Minor (18 credits): The Psychology department has devised a specific Option C which includes a minor available only to Arts majors in Psychology called the Behavioural Science minor. This minor is advised to students who wish to go on to graduate training in Psychology, and those who may wish to apply for membership in the Ordre des Psychologues du Québec (once the additional graduate requirements of the Ordre have been completed). We call this the Specialization Option:

Specialization Option:	Major concentration Psychology	36 credits
	Minor concentration Behavioural Science	18 credits
	2 nd minor concentration (another discipline)	18 credits
	Electives	18 credits

Honours Program (60 credits):

Honours in Psychology prepares students for graduate study, and so emphasizes practice in the research techniques used in graduate school and professionally later on. Students are accepted into Honours at the beginning of their U2 year, and the two-year sequence of Honours courses continues through U3. Admission to Honours is selective. Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher are eligible to apply; however during the past several years, most students admitted to the program have had at least a 3.5 U1 GPA based on a 27-30 graded credit program over two terms. The Honours program in psychology requires the completion of 60 credits (including the U1 requirements), and Arts students must also complete a second concentration, typically a minor (18 credits), in another discipline. Any remaining credits are electives.

Joint Honours Component (36 credits):

Students who wish to study at the Honours level in two disciplines can combine the Psychology Joint Honours Component with any other Arts discipline which also offers a Joint Honours Component. Admission requirements are identical to those described above for the Honours program in Psychology, though credit requirements differ.

Minor Concentration in Psychology (18 credits):

The minor concentration in Psychology is intended to complement the student's primary field of study by providing a focused introduction to specialized topics in psychology. It is available to all students in the Faculty of Arts whose major concentration is in a department other than Psychology. It is also available to students registered in an Honours or faculty program in another discipline. This minor concentration requires the completion of 18 credits, and no overlap is permitted with other concentrations or programs. It is expandable, and may be converted to a major concentration at a later date if the student so chooses. (See other page for the difference in prerequisites for a Psychology minor vs. major.)