

Bachelor of Arts and Science (B.A. & Sc.)

Psychology Department

The B.A. & Sc., jointly offered through the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science, is intended for students who have deep and clearly-defined interest in **both** Arts and Science. It is an interdisciplinary degree intended for students who want to pursue simultaneously a program offered by Arts and one offered by Science. The overall objective is to provide a broad education spanning substantive areas in the two faculties so that students can learn diverse content and varied methods of inquiry. In addition, students must complete a required integrative course (BASC 201).

By choosing their programs appropriately, students obtaining a B.A. & Sc. from McGill will be well prepared to pursue employment or professional degrees in, for example, law and medicine. The B.A. & Sc. can provide good preparation for graduate degrees in integrated disciplines such as Cognitive or Environmental Science. Depending on the Arts or Science specific program you wish to enter in graduate school, the B.A. & Sc. may or may not be adequate preparation. Students intending to pursue an Arts or Science specific program at the graduate level should consult academic advisors in that discipline in order to find out whether the B.A. & Sc. will be adequate preparation.

Multi-track options for 90-credit degree:

To recognize the diversity of student backgrounds and interests and the multiple routes to understanding provided by a modern university, the Faculties of Arts and Science offer a 90-credit multi-track program that may be completed in one of the following ways:

Option A	Arts Major Concentration	36-37 credits
	Science Major Concentration	36-37 credits
Option B	Honours Program spanning Arts and Science	60 credits
	Minor Concentration in Arts or Minor in Science	18-24 credits
Option C	Interfaculty Program spanning Arts and Science	54 credits
	Minor Concentration in Arts or Minor in Science	18-24 credits
Option D	Joint Honours Component in Arts	30-36 credits
	Joint Honours Component in Science	36 credits

Psychology is considered to be a Science program for the purposes of the B.A. & Sc.

In all cases, the degree also includes a **required integrative course** (BASC 201, 3 credits), plus **elective courses**.



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

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 higher-level IB (score of 5) credits; during the freshman year of university or at latest, as co-requisites during the U1 year.

McGill course number & title

PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology

BIOL 111: Organismal Biology

-or- BIOL 112: Cell & Molecular Biology

Possible CEGEP course titles

Introduction to Psychology *or*
General Psychology

General Biology 1

-or- General Biology 2

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

For the Bachelor of Arts and Science (B.A. & Sc.), **Psychology** is considered to fulfill your **Science** requirements, and must therefore be combined with a 36-credit Art component.

Major Concentration in Psychology (36 credits):

The major concentration is intended to provide students with a basic knowledge in Psychology while completing a multi-track, interdisciplinary degree. The major concentration must be combined with a major concentration from another discipline from the Faculty of Arts. *The major concentration alone is not sufficiently focused to prepare students for graduate study in Psychology.* However, it 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 for 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.

Joint Honours Component in Psychology (36 credits):

Students who wish to study at the honours level in two disciplines can combine the Psychology Joint Honours Component with any Arts discipline that also offers a Joint Honours Component (these departments are listed in the B.A. & Sc. section of the Undergraduate Calendar). Students are typically accepted into the Joint Honours Component at the beginning of their U2 year, and the two-year sequence of honours courses continues through U3. Admission to Joint 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.

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 B.A. & Sc. students whose primary field of study is in a department other than Psychology. 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. (Although see other page for the difference in prerequisites for a Psychology minor vs. major.)