

Bachelor of Science

Psychology Department

Distribution of credits for students in the 90-credit program:

Degree with a Major in Psychology:	Major program	54 credits
	Electives	36 credits
Degree with Honours in Psychology: (begins only <i>after</i> U1 completed)	Honours program	60 credits
	Electives	30 credits
Degree with Major or Honours in Psych and a Minor (Science) or Minor Concentration (Arts):	Major or Honours	54 or 60 credits
	Minor	18-25 or 18 credits
	Electives	from 5 to 18 credits

The Faculty of Science also allows students to complete what is known as a Liberal program:

B.Sc Liberal Core Psychology <i>with</i>	Core concentration	45 credits
	Minor (Arts or Science)	18 or 18-25 credits
<i>or</i>		
Major Concentration	Major Concentration	36 credits
<i>or</i>		
Second Liberal core concentration	2 nd core concentration	47-50 credits
	Electives	from 0-27 credits



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 each of the following, whether at CEGEP; as AP (score of 4) or higher-level IB (score of 5) credits; during the freshman year of university, or at latest, as electives during the U1 year.

<u>McGill course number & title</u>	<u>Possible CEGEP course titles</u>
PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology	Introduction to Psychology <i>or</i> General Psychology
PSYC 204: Introduction to Psychological Statistics	Statistics (Math) ¹ <i>or</i> Probabilities and Statistics (Math) ¹
<i>And one of:</i>	
BIOL 111 (Organismal Biology)	General Biology 1
<i>or</i> BIOL112 (Cell and Molecular Biology)	General Biology 2

¹Students must obtain a minimum grade of 75% in the CEGEP Statistics courses in order to be exempt from PSYC 204 at McGill. If you obtained a grade below 75%, you must take PSYC 204 for elective credit at McGill.

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Programs in Psychology

Major Program (54 credits):

The major program in Science is intended to provide students with a solid background in the fundamental areas of psychology. Emphasis is placed on the experimental and theoretical foundation that is relevant to all subdisciplines of psychology. Students are encouraged to obtain a good general education by taking courses in other fields of science. This major program can provide students with a good preparation for graduate studies, if the appropriate courses are selected. It also equips students with a background relevant to many disciplines other than psychology. Science students will complete 54 credits for the major program. The remaining 36 credits are electives, and may be selected from among any of the courses in the faculties of Arts and Science described in the McGill Calendar, provided the prerequisites have been met. Students may choose to complete a minor program or approved minor concentration program, which would constitute 18 to 25 of these elective 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). The remaining 30 credits are electives and may be selected from among any of the courses in the faculties of Arts and Science described in the McGill Calendar, provided the prerequisites have been met. Students may choose to complete a minor program or approved minor concentration program, which would constitute 18 to 25 of these credits.

B.Sc. Liberal Core Science Component in Psychology (45 credits):

The Liberal Core Science Component (CSC) provides students with a broad background in Psychology. It must be combined with a second program, either a Minor approved for students in Arts or in Science, or a Major concentration in Arts, or a second Liberal CSC in another Science department. The Liberal CSC in Psychology would be of interest to those wishing to obtain a broad and more interdisciplinary education than that provided by the Major or Honours programs. It may not provide an adequate background for graduate studies in Psychology, however, although this may depend on the choice of the second program, and choice of graduate program. Students completing the Liberal CSC in Psychology would be well-prepared for future studies in other multidisciplinary areas, such as cognitive science, neuroscience, or public health, and in professional programs such as law, medicine, dentistry, occupational or physical therapy, graduate nursing, speech therapy and audiology, or management.

Minor Program in Psychology (24 credits):

The minor program in Psychology is intended to complement the student's major field of study by providing a focused introduction to specialized topics in psychology. The minor program for Science students requires the completion of 24 credits in psychology, of which no more than 6 credits may overlap with the student's principal program. In other words, a maximum of 6 credits may be counted towards the fulfillment of both the major program requirements and of the minor program requirements.