



Department of Psychology

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

Psychology Undergraduate Advising Office

- Located on the 4th floor of 2001 McGill College
- **Paola Carvajal, M.A., OPQ, Chief Academic Advisor**
 - Can help with program advising & other academic questions, career & graduate study advising, etc.
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- **Sarah Lessard, Undergraduate Program Advisor**
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- **Julia Marussi, Undergraduate Program Coordinator**
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Office Hours

- **Paola Carvajal, Chief Academic Advisor**
 - Updated on a weekly basis:
 - <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/PsychologyUndergraduateAdvisors@McGill.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/s/-WmFKMBTsUer1PDnty5Byg2>
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- **Julia Marussi, Undergraduate Program Coordinator**
 - Monday to Wednesday (drop-in only)
 - 9:30am to 12:30pm
 - 2pm to 5pm

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
 - 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:
https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2022-2023/faculties/science/undergraduate/ug_sci_course_reqs#booknode-2429
- *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 (2nd area): 18 to 50 credits**
 - **Minor conc., Minor, Major conc., or 2nd 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
 - https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2022-2023/faculties/science/undergraduate/ug_sci_course_reqs#booknode-2429

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
- **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 2022-2023 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)

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

PSYC 305 (Experimental Stats)

Interested in the Liberal
CSC in Psych? Contact
me individually

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 2022:

PSYC 211: Intro to Beh. Neurosci

PSYC 215: Social Psychology

BIOL 111/2: Biology

PSYC 100: Introductory Psych

XXXX ????: Elective or Minor course

WINTER 2023:

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 2022:

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 2023:

PSYC 212: Perception

PSYC 213: Cognition

PSYC 305: Stats for Experm. 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 2022:

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| – First day of class: | Wed. August 31 |
| – Course Change (& S/U option): | Tues. September 13 |
| – Withdrawal, <i>with</i> fee refund: | Tues. September 20 |
| – Withdrawal, <i>no</i> fee refund: | Tues. October 25 |
| – Last Day of Class: | Mon. December 5 |
| – Exam period: | Dec. 7 to Dec. 21 |

Dates & Deadlines to Know About

Winter 2023:

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| – First day of class: | Wed. January 4 |
| – Course Change (& S/U option): | Tues. January 17 |
| – Withdrawal, <i>with</i> fee refund: | Tues. January 24 |
| – Withdrawal, winter course, <i>no</i> refund: | Tues. March 7 |
| – Reading Week: | Feb. 27 to Mar. 3 |
| – Last day of class: | Thurs. April 13 |
| – Exam period: | Apr. 14 to Apr. 28 |

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!