

MINOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Who can minor in Psychology?

Any John Jay Student who is not a major in Forensic Psychology.

Requirements

To complete the minor in Forensic Psychology, you must complete any SIX (6) of the following three credit courses and pass them with a grade of C or better.

- *Psychology 101 General Psychology I**
- *Psychology 200 General Psychology II**
- *Psychology 221 Social Psychology**
- *Psychology 231 Child Psychology**
- *Psychology 236 Group Dynamics**
- *Psychology 242 Abnormal Psychology**
- *Psychology 243 Theories of Personality**
- *Psychology 266 Psychology of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse**
- *Psychology 275 Family Conflict and the Family Court**
- *Psychology 370 Psychology and the Law**
- *Psychology 372 Psychology of Criminal Behavior**
- *Statistics 250 Principles & Methods of Statistics**

Courses that count toward another major sometimes overlap with courses for the Psychology minor; you may count these courses towards both your major and your minor.

At least 50 percent of the credits in the minor must be taken at John Jay College and at least two-thirds of the credits in the minor must be graded on an A through F basis.

What majors go well with a minor in Psychology?

Almost any major pairs well with Psychology. The opportunity to think and write critically about human behavior is beneficial in whatever field you choose.

What can I gain/learn from a Psychology minor?

You can learn a great deal about human behavior with a Psychology minor. You will have additional opportunities to hone your critical thinking and writing skills, which are crucial in any field. You also can explore career areas that might interest you.

What can I do with a Psychology minor?

As with any other liberal arts major or minor, this is not vocational training – it does not train you for a specific job in psychology. That is the goal of graduate study. However, doing the minor says something about your ambitiousness and your skills, both of which you would emphasize in any applications you completed (graduate school or employment).

Is there an Honors minor?

No, not in Psychology. However, there is Psi Chi, which is the National Psychology Honor Society. Applicants are encouraged to apply if they have at least 9 credits in psychology with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in Psychology courses and an overall minimum GPA of 3.0.

Will this minor help prepare me for graduate study in Psychology?

Yes, particularly if you take the courses marked with a * above (and you can always take more Psychology courses as electives). However, if you are interested in studying Psychology in graduate school, you should be a Forensic Psychology major.

How do I declare a Psychology minor?

Once you have taken your six Psychology courses, pick up a **Declaration of Minor** form from the Registrar's Office. Complete your information and drop it off to the psychology department in room 2100N along with a copy of your unofficial transcript. You will be contacted to pick up your form once it has been signed, and you can return it to the Registrar to declare your minor.

Questions?

Please come to the Psychology Department office, room 2100N if you have questions or would like to meet with an advisor to discuss your options.