PSYCHOLOGY

KEY POINTS ABOUT THE MAJOR

- Students study psychological theories, their contribution to understanding human thought and behavior, and their application to promoting mental health, well-being, and performance.
- Students gain experience in the science of psychology as they develop skills in reviewing the literature, forming hypotheses, designing studies, collecting and analyzing data, and writing research reports.
- More than 95 percent of ODU Psychology students who apply to graduate school are accepted.
- Graduates are prepared for careers and are employed in the mental health profession as well as research and social services, business and industry.

"Psychology faculty are not only concerned with preparing students for rewarding careers or advanced study, but are also dedicated to ensuring that students mature into well-rounded individuals who understand and care about the world around them."

- Dr. Anne Crimmings, Chair, Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences



Sample Four-Year Plan

The sample course plan below is a <u>sample</u> plan for your major. It does not and should not replace meeting with your Academic Advisor to map the best course plan that suits your individual academic needs and placement upon initial registration. Classes listed may not necessarily be offered during a particular term.

First Year (Freshman)

Fall Semester	Spring Semester		
ENG 101 Thinking and Writing Across the Curriculus	m 3	ENG 102 Scholarly Adventures: Researched Writing	3
PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY Human Development Course	3
Foreign Language I	3	Foreign Language II	3
Freshman Core Seminar 179	3	Philosophy Requirement*	3
MTH 100 Beginning Algebra (if needed) or Elective	3	MTH 140 Intro to Statistics	3

Second Year (Sophomore)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PSY 232 Research Methods & Statistics I	3	PSY 332 Research Methods & Statistics II	3
Biology Requirement	4	Theology Requirement*	3
PSY Social/Developmental Psychology Elective	3	Arts Requirement	3
Sophomore Core Seminar 279	3	Electives***	6
Elective***	3		

Third Year (Junior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PSY Learning or Cognition Course	3	PSY Clinical/Counseling & Applied Psychology Course	3
History Requirement	3	Sociology Requirement**	3
PSY 350 Psychology of Personality	3	Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	3
Junior Core Seminar 379	3	Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement	3
Elective***	3	Elective***	3

Fourth Year (Senior)

Fall Semester	Spring Semester		
PSY Natural Science Psychology Course Elective	3	PSY 479 Current Issues in Psychology	3
Elective****	9	Elective***	9
Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	3	Literature Requirement	3

^{*} At least one Philosophy and one Theology course must be at the 200 level or higher.

For More Information

Full descriptions for all ODU courses are available on the ODU website. Core curriculum and four-year course blueprint are based on the 2012-2013 edition of the ODU Course Catalog.

For more information, contact your Admission Counselor or Academic Advisor at 614.251.4500 or at admissions@ohiodominican.edu.

^{**} Diversity requirement could be fulfilled with this course.

^{***} Electives may be focused toward the completion of a minor. Most minors consist of 20-24 credits.

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COURSES WITHIN THE MAJOR

- Intro to Psychology
- Human
 Development
- Research Methods & Statistics
- Learning and Cognition
- Social Psychology
- Clinical/Counseling& AppliedPsychology
- Biological and Health Psychology
- Animal Behavior
- Psychology of Personality
- Psychology of Women

"The Psychology faculty at ODU encouraged and challenged me by providing opportunities to strengthen my research and clinical skills through field experience and independent research. The teaching, mentoring and in-depth education I received at **ODU** helped me attain my goals by giving me the skills and experience I need to succeed in a psychologybased career."

- Jennifer Brown '03 Doctoral Candidate, Syracuse University



Program Overview

At ODU, Psychology majors combine coursework, research opportunities and experience in the field to address age-old questions about the psychological, biological and environmental influences on behavior as it relates to development, motivation, thinking and memory, learning, personality, social relationships, psychological disorders and counseling.

Why ODU?

- Curriculum follows the American Psychological Association's recommendations.
- Students have the opportunity to perform their own research or to participate in faculty work, addressing child development or animal behavior.
- Quality curriculum supported by department affiliations with the Ohio Consortium for Undergraduate Psychology Conferences and the Ohio Psychological Association Small College Roundtable.
- Psychology students are well represented in the University honors program as well as Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

Internships & Research

ODU students are active in fieldwork settings in the Columbus, Ohio, area. Additionally, students are active in psychological science and have presented research at undergraduate and professional conferences. Students' research projects have addressed topics within mental health, cognition, child development, religiosity and aging.

Career Possibilities

Our graduates are prepared for a broad range of general mental health careers. Many graduates also are employed in fields such as human resources, marketing, public relations and sales.

Many graduates choose to continue their studies at the master or doctoral level. Ninety-five percent of ODU Psychology majors who apply to graduate school are accepted.

On-Campus Opportunities

ODU students are active in campus and national student organizations such as the Psychology Club and ODU Wellness Council. Every spring, ODU awards qualified Psychology students with induction into Psi Chi, a nationally recognized honor society that rewards excellence in academic achievement.

For More Information About the Psychology Program

Contact Dr. Anne Crimmings, Chair of the Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences, at crimmina@ohiodominican.edu to learn more about the Psychology Program and/or any of the other Social & Behavioral Science programs such as Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, Integrated Social Studies, Peace & Justice, Political Science, Social Work and Sociology.