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Program Description  
Psychology can be considered from a variety of perspectives,  
such as (1) a natural or biological science, (2) a behavioral or  
social science, (3) an applied or professional field, or (4) a set  
of experiential or humanistic concerns. This multi-perspective  
approach is best illustrated in the Mission and Goals statement  
of the department.  

The requirements for the major expose the student to the broad  
range of perspectives, problems, methodologies, and bodies  
of knowledge found in contemporary psychology. We believe  
that this foundation provides for the development of relevant  
skills, behaviors, and attitudes necessary for diverse  
professional fields, especially those related to the human  
services.  

All declared majors are expected to confer regularly with their  
faculty advisors to ensure that the selection of courses will be  
most appropriate for the student’s career goals. The goals and  
objectives of the BA in Psychology can be found at the  
department’s website.  

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a  
Major in Psychology  

Total Units Required to Graduate 180 units  
Major Requirements 66 units  
   Prerequisites 13  
   Core Curriculum 53  
Minor Requirement 20 units  
Other University Requirements 52-97 units  
   CSUB 101 2  
   American Institutions 10  
   Area A 15  
   Area B 10-15*  
   Area C 10-15*  
   Area D 0-15*  
   Theme 1 5  
   Theme 2 0-5*  
   Theme 3 0-5*  
   GRE 0-5*  
   GWAR (Exam) or Class 0-5*  

* may be satisfied in major, minor or other university  
requirement  
Additional Units 0-42 units  

See http://www.csub.edu/schedules.shtml for current list of  
courses satisfying university-wide requirements.  

Note: One (1) quarter unit of credit normally represents one  
hour of in-class work and 2-3 hours of outside study per week.  

Requirements for the Major in Psychology  
Prerequisites (13 units)  
   PSYC 100, 200, 290, 291  

Major Requirements (53 units)  
   1. Core Courses (10 units)  
      PSYC 300B, 490 or 491  
   2. Four foundation courses. Two courses must be from Area  
      “A” and two from Area “B” (20 units)  
      a. Area A  
         PSYC 203, 301, 302, 304  
      b. Area B  
         PSYC 210, 312, 315, 316  
   3. One advanced topic/laboratory experience from Area “A”  
      or “B” above, chosen from: PSYC 301L, 302L, 303L, 304L, 310L, 312L, 315L, 316L (5 units)  
   4. One additional Foundation/Laboratory course-take a  
      second lab course or a third Foundation A course or a  
      third Foundation B course (5 units)  
   5. Applications of psychology (3 units)*  
      a. PSYC 395 (1 unit)  
      b. One or more of the following (2 units)  
         PSYC 481, 496, 497, 498  
   6. A minimum of two upper division, letter-graded elective  
courses in Psychology (10 units)  
   7. A minor is required, selected from one of the following  
      three options:  
      a. A minor consisting of at least 20 quarter units within  
         a minor program designed by another discipline.  
      b. An interdisciplinary concentration or minor in one  
         of the specially developed areas (see “Interdisciplinary  
         Concentrations and Minors”).  
      c. A special minor.  

Requirements for a Minor in Psychology  
The minor in Psychology allows for an individually designed  
study of the discipline of Psychology. The minor consists of  
four or more letter-graded courses (20 quarter units) in  
Psychology which must include the following: PSYC 100;  
one foundation course (PSYC 203, 210, 301, 302, 304, 312,  
315 or 316); and two additional upper division Psychology  
courses. Courses proposed to fulfill the minor in Psychology  
must be approved by the Chair of the Department of  
Psychology.