

Simmons University 2022/2023 Undergraduate Catalog Addendum

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Applied Psychology/ BA (CompleteDegree)

The Applied Psychology major (BA) is for CompleteDegree students only.

The CompleteDegree Applied Psychology curriculum includes core courses in areas such as biological psychology and research methods, plus in-depth focus areas covering a variety of interests. Our program is designed to help students think critically about human behavior and to apply their knowledge and skills to address real-world challenges.

Program Requirements:

Every Applied Psychology major must complete 36 semester hours in psychology and four hours in statistics. As a student in this program, you will take **four core courses** and will choose **six additional courses** from a selection of course options in Psychology (at least three) and related disciplines. You will complete your degree of study with a capstone course.

The following **four core courses** are required:

PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychological Science	4
STAT 118	Introductory Statistics	4
	OR	
STAT 227	Intermediate Statistics: Design & Analysis	4
	OR	
STAT 229	Regression Models	4
PSYC 201	Biological Psychology	4
PSYC 203	Research Methods in Psychology	4

In addition to your core Psychology courses, you will choose **six additional courses**:

- At least three courses must be PSYC courses
- At least one course must be a capstone PSYC course
- The remaining three courses may be in disciplines outside of Psychology (e.g., Business, Sociology, Social Work), as listed below.

PSYC 231	Psychopathology and Mental Health	4
PSYC 235	Developmental Psychology	4
PSYC 244	Drugs & Behavior	4
PSYC 308	Research in Social Psychology, with lab (capstone course)	4
PSYC 331	Seminar in Clinical Psychology (capstone course)	4
BUS 230	Why We Buy	4
BUS 234	Organizational Communication & Behavior	4
SOCI 239	Introduction to Social Research	4
SOCI 241	Health, Illness, & Society	4
SOCI 249	Inequalities	4
SW 101	Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	4

Prerequisites:

PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychological Science is a prerequisite for all courses offered by the psychology department. Upper-level psychology courses have additional prerequisites as detailed in the course descriptions. Students may use an AP psychology test score of 4 or 5 to replace the PSYC 101 course requirement.

Recommendations:

Students considering a major in applied psychology are advised to take PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychological Science and STAT 118 Introductory Statistics during their first year so that they can take PSYC 203 Research Methods in Psychology and PSYC 201 Biopsychology in their second year, as intended.

Academic and faculty advisors can help students plan individualized course sequences based on their interests and career goals, for example:

- Students interested in careers or graduate study in the helping professions (e.g., clinical/counseling psychology, social work) should consider courses in *Psychopathology and Mental Health* (PSYC 231), *Drugs & Behavior* (PSYC 244), *Seminar in Clinical Psychology* (PSYC 331), *Health, Illness, & Society* (SOCI 244), and *Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare* (SW 101).
- Students interested in psychology applications to the workplace (e.g., leadership, human resources, DEI) should consider courses in *Developmental Psychology* (PSYC 235), *Research in Social Psychology* (PSYC 308), *Inequalities* (SOCI 249), and *Organizational Communication & Behavior* (BUS 234).