Welcome to Psychology at Concordia

New Student Orientation
THE DEPARTMENT

• One of the largest departments

• About 1600 undergraduate students
WHERE WE ARE LOCATED

• Loyola Campus

PY – Psychology Building

SP – Science Pavillion
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- 90 credits (min.)
  - Completed CEGEP

- 108 credits (min.)
  - Mature entry (MEP)

- 120 credits (min.)
  - Out-of-province
  - Foreign students

- Check your letter of acceptance
PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAMS

- Degree
  - BA or BSc

- Program
  - Major: 42 PSYC cr.
  - Specialization: 60 PSYC cr.
  - Honours: 66 PSYC cr.

- Neuroscience Option
  - BSc Specialization & Honours only
Dear

On behalf of the Faculty of Arts and Science, I am pleased to advise you that you have been granted admission to Concordia University. Your program choices have been carefully considered and you have been admitted to the following program:

Bachelor of Science
Specialization Psychology (Behav. Neuroscience)

Program Information:

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<td>90 credits</td>
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PROFILE COURSES

- BA Degree

- *Introductory Psychology* - PSYC 200
- *Mathematics* - 200-level MATH
- *Biology* - BIOL 201 (with lab) or 202
PROFILE COURSES

BSc Degree

- Introductory Psych
  - PSYC 200
- Mathematics
  - MATH 203 & 205
- Chemistry
  - CHEM 205 & 206
- Biology
  - BIOL 201 (with lab)
- Physics
  - PHYS 204, 205, 206
  - 224, 225, 226
DEFICIENCIES

- Missing Profile Courses
  - These are to be completed within the program
  - They will count as non-psychology electives (even PSYC 200)

Deficiencies: You are required to take the following course(s) as part of your program
PSYC 200

* For a 120 credit program deficiencies appear in your Advisement Report.
EXEMPTIONS

• A course you have taken elsewhere that is equivalent to a profile course
  • Exemptions carry no credit value
  • Do not take an EXEMPTED course again, you will not receive CREDIT for it.
  • Even if you have PSYC exemptions, the number of PSYC credits you must complete at Concordia remains the same (e.g., 42 for Major).

Exemptions/Deficiencies/Transfer Credit:

Please refer to http://registrar.concordia.ca/pdf/InfoBooklet.pdf for further explanation

Exemptions: If you have received an exemption for a course, you may not take the course for credit:
- Final Exemption
  - BIOL 201, CHEM 205, CHEM 206, CHEM 221, MATH 201, MATH 203, MATH 204, MATH 205, MATH 206, PHYS 204, PHYS 205, PHYS 224, PHYS 225
- Potential Exemption
  - PHYS 206, PHYS 226
TRANSFER CREDITS

- If you have taken university-level courses elsewhere, you may have those credits transferred to Concordia.

- These courses carry a credit value and are deducted from the total number of credits you must complete.

Example: University of Alberta:

- Math 205 – 3 cr
- Psyc 321 – 3 cr

Concordia University:

- 120 cr – 6 cr = 114 cr
PROGRAM STRUCTURE

There are four groups of courses in the Psychology program, the required number you must take of each depends on the program you are in:

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<td>Psychology electives</td>
<td>5 (15cr)</td>
<td>3 (9cr)</td>
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All of these must be 300 or 400 level, do **NOT** take 200-level PSYC courses, they will not count for credit.
BASIC CORE COURSES

• All Psychology students must complete two essential courses which are pre- or co-requisites for our other courses:

PSYC 310 – Research Methods I
PSYC 315 – Statistical Analysis I

• Although you may have taken similar courses at CEGEP, remember that these are demanding university level courses.
BASIC CORE COURSES

• Both PSYC 310 and PSYC 315 include conferences or tutorials, which are essential parts of the course

• They require the completion of specific assignments.

• They will need a significant amount of time and effort.
BASIC CORE COURSES

• All Psychology students must also complete two other core courses:

  PSYC 355 - Fundamentals of Behavioural Neurobiology

  PSYC 305 – History & Systems
TIER I COURSES

All Psychology students must also complete 15 credits chosen from the Tier I offerings.

Tier I courses are intended to give you a broad understanding of a particular area in psychology, e.g., Social Psychology, Neuropsychology, Developmental Psychology.
Tier II courses explore specific issues within a given area:

- PSYC 363: Sensation & Perception
- PSYC 460: Vision

You must complete the appropriate Tier I course in order to take its Tier II counterpart.
Once you’ve completed all the Core, Tier I & Tier II requirements for your program, any other 300 or 400 level PSYC course you take will count as a Psychology elective.

All Psychology courses and their descriptions are listed online in the Undergraduate Calendar.

This Undergraduate Calendar is where you will also find all the other courses offered at Concordia.
COURSES COME & GO

• Just because a course is in the Undergraduate Calendar doesn’t mean it is currently being offered.

• You need to consult the online Class Schedule to know what course is being offered & when.
HOW MANY CLASSES?

- **12 to 15 credits** per term is considered a Full-Time course load.

- Four or five 3-credit courses may not sound like a lot but remember these are UNIVERSITY courses.

- Important to have an idea of what you want to do after graduating. E.g., Med school

- Look up area of interest and find out what they expect of you.

- The workload is going to be much greater than what you’ve done in the past.
STAY OUT OF TROUBLE

You can’t go to school full-time & Work full-time & Volunteer full-time & ......
STAY OUT OF TROUBLE

- The general formula is:

  3 hours of study time / each hour of lecture time

- At times, and in particular courses, this will need to be increased

- If you work more than 15hrs/wk, that’s too much!!
IF YOU RUN INTO TROUBLE

- Who do you talk to if you are having problems with a course?
  - Your professor
  - Psychology Advisor
  - Counselling and Psychological Services

- When do you look for help? ASAP!
All Arts & Science students must take 24 elective credits outside their concentration.

There is no specific list of electives because any course outside of Psychology can be considered a non-psychology elective.

All these courses are listed in the Undergraduate Calendar under the specific departments.

200 level is permitted for non-psychology courses only.
ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

- General Education (Gen Ed) requirement:
  - 6 of your 24 non-psychology elective credits must be from outside your sector.

BA students
- Humanities
- Science
- JMSB
- Fine Arts

BSc students
- Humanities
- Social Science
- JMSB
- Fine Arts
ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

- These are the three Arts & Science sectors:

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Also the John Molson School of Business, Engineering and Computer Science, and the Faculty of Fine Arts offer 200 level Gen Ed courses.
ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

• The remaining 18 (24-6) non-PSYC elective credits can be selected as you wish if you are a BA student or BSc Major.

  - For BSc Specialization or Honours students, at least 15 of these credits must be *science* electives.
  - For BSc Behaviour Neuroscience option, 21 *specific* science credits.

Do not choose courses with the notation “BSc students may not take this course for credit”. They will not count.
ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

Whatever remains after your program credits and your 24 non-PSYC credits, can be filled with any courses you wish, PSYC (excluding PSYC 200 level) or non-PSYC.

**Specialization (90 credits)**
- 60 PSYC
- 24 non-PSYC (6 Gen Ed)
- 6 “free choice”

**Major (90 credits)**
- 42 PSYC
- 24 non-PSYC (6 Gen Ed)
- 24 “free choice”
ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

• Grades
  • Final grades are in letter format (A, B+, C-, etc.)
  • Become familiar with the percentage-to-letter conversion for your particular course
  • Learn how to calculate your GPA
ARTS & SCIENCE RULES

Letter grade to GPA Conversion

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Minimum 2.00 required to graduate
REGISTRATION

• Done on-line, using the Undergraduate Calendar and Class Schedule

• Register for both Fall & Winter

• Register as soon as possible – courses fill very quickly

• Important dates & deadlines such as DNE and DISC are in the Registration Guide

• Your program = your responsibility
BEFORE YOU START

1. Accept OFFER OF ADMISSION

2. Pay $100 fee to activate your file

3. Wait for the unblock symbol to appear on your registration page

KEEP CALM AND SAY YES
HOW TO REGISTER

Search for Registration Guide on Concordia website

Search

registration guide

Search

Web  Image

All results  News

About 12,200 results (0.30 seconds)

News

Course Registration Guide
Step-by-step guide on how to register for courses. ... Concordia.ca; >; Students; >; Course registration. Print; Email; Share; Facebook; Twitter; LinkedIn ...

www.concordia.ca/students/registration.html
HOW TO KNOW WHAT COURSES ARE ON & WHEN

STEP 1: go to Class Schedules
STEP 2: enter appropriate search terms
STEP 3: scroll through course offerings

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PROBLEMS

- If you run into any problems, call Marie (ext. 2223), our Undergraduate Program Coordinator
- BUT not for non-psychology courses

- Call only **once** and leave a detailed message (ID, phone number, issue)
- Be be **patient**, and above all be **polite**
- Karen (our receptionist (ext. 2222)) and Marie will do their best to help you – but they may not be able to give you what you want
LET’S GET STARTED