

## Department of Psychology

Salve Regina University

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### Graduation options:

- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology as a Psychology **MAJOR**
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology as a Psychology **MINOR**

### Admission to the Department:

- Matriculated students who begin their studies at Salve as freshman and wish to declare a **MAJOR** in this subject must have earned (or be in the process of earning) a C (2.00) in a psychology course at the time they declare. Students, including students in PSY 100 as a first course, may declare their major mid-semester at the time set aside for registering for a subsequent semester. Furthermore, to be consistent with university requirements, students must possess an overall GPA in their other university courses of C (2.00). Transfer students who transfer in psychology credits must take at least one course in psychology at Salve and fulfill the GPA requirements as described above. *Students transferring in more than two psychology courses will need to consult with the department chairman before selecting their psychology classes.*
- Students wishing to **MINOR** must earn (or be in the process of earning) a C (2.00) in a psychology course--normally PSY 100--before declaring. Minors may also declare mid-semester of their first course as described above for majors.
- To apply for admission as a Psychology **MAJOR** or **MINOR** students complete the *University Major-Minor Form* and have it signed by the chairman. No student becomes an *official MAJOR* or **MINOR** until this process has been completed, regardless of the number of Psychology courses taken here or elsewhere. Requirements for the major are those in effect on the date the major is declared even if different in some detail from the published university catalogue.

### Requirements for retention:

- Students will have their progress monitored regularly by the Department as they advance through their courses. Satisfactory progress is taken to mean that the student is maintaining, at a minimum, an overall *GPA* of 2.0 and a *GPA* no lower than 2.00(C) in their Psychology courses. In addition, students are expected to conduct themselves at all times, both on campus and off, in a manner that will not reflect unfavorably on either the University or the Department.
- Students who do not maintain the required *GPA* may be required to withdraw from the Department and choose another major; however, all students have a right to appeal and may apply for probationary status in the Department upon the recommendation of their department advisor. Students on probation will have their status reviewed at the end of the semester during which the probationary status was granted.

### Requirements for retention (continued):

- Students who **MINOR** in Psychology will be required to attain a *GPA* of 2.00 in their Psychology Courses to demonstrate satisfactory progress.

### Requirements for graduation:

- Psychology **MAJORS** must complete a minimum of 39 credit hours in Psychology more than half of which, 21 credit hours (7 courses), must have been taken at Salve. A 2.00[C] overall cumulative *GPA* in all Psychology courses is also required.
- All **MAJORS** must take the following required courses: PSY 100, 220 (or 230), 250 (or 290), 260, 270<sup>a</sup>, 310, 320, 350, 370<sup>b</sup>, 430<sup>c</sup> and three additional PSY courses for a total of 39 credit hours.
- **MAJORS** must satisfactorily complete MTH170 (or higher) before enrolling in PSY 270, *Statistical Methods in Behavioral Science*.
- **MAJORS** are encouraged to use courses in Biology such as BIO 110(Human Biology) combined with one other BIO course, the BIO 111-112(General Biology) sequence, or BIO 205-206(Human Anatomy) sequence to fulfill their general education 6 credit science component as preparation for the PSY 350, physiological psychology, requirement.
- To graduate with a **MINOR** in Psychology, a student must have taken at least 18 credit hours in psychology, twelve of which were taken at Salve and achieve a *GPA* of 2.0.

### Required courses:

**PSY 100** Introduction to Psychology

**PSY 220-** Child Development **or**

**PSY 230-** Adolescent & Adult Development

**PSY 250-** Social Psychology **or**

**PSY 290-** Cross-Cultural Psychology

**PSY 260-** Theories of Personality

**PSY ELECTIVES (3)**

**PSY 270<sup>a</sup>-** Statistical Methods in Behav. Sci.

**PSY 310-**Cognitive Psychology

**PSY 320-** Psychology of Learning & Behavior

**PSY 350-** Physiological Psychology

**PSY 370-**Research Methods in Behav. Sci.<sup>b</sup>

**PSY 430-** History & Systems of Psychology<sup>c</sup>

**Total Hours: 39**

<sup>a</sup> PSY 270 is a prerequisite to PSY 370 and should normally be taken in the Sophomore year.

<sup>b</sup> PSY 370 should normally be taken in the Junior year after taking PSY 270.

<sup>c</sup> PSY 430 is a capstone course and should be taken in the Senior year.

Note: Beginning in the fall, 2003 students were required to fulfill specific general education requirements in which they include **core complement courses in the social sciences**. PSY 100, PSY 255(*The Psychology of Prejudice*), and PSY 290(*Cross-Cultural Psychology*) may be taken to fulfill the social sciences component (aaw, 20-Mar-09).

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