PSYCHOLOGICAL & BRAIN SCIENCES MAJOR, B.S. – 2021-2022

Admission to the major is contingent upon fulfilling the following requirements:
1) At least a 2.7 University of California grade-point average in Area I;
2) At least a 2.0 University of California grade-point average in Area II;
3) All courses must be completed on a letter-grade basis; 
4) No course with a grade lower than C- in Area I & II; 
5) Not more than one course with a C- in Area I & II; 
6) Students must submit a “Petition to Change Major” to the departmental main office (1814 Psychology East) for admission to the pre-major and major.

PRE-MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Area I courses:
PSY 1, MATH 34A (or 2A or 3A), and PSTAT 5A or equivalent ............................................................. 13-14
PSY 10A, 10B .................................................................................................................................................. 10
Note: Students must complete PSY 1, MATH 34A (or 2A or 3A), PSTAT 5A or equivalent, and CHEM 1A-B (or 2A-B) prior to enrolling in PSY 10A; PSY 10A is a prerequisite for PSY 10B.

Area II courses:
CHEM 1A-B (or 2A-B) ..................................................................................................................................... 6
MCDB 6 and EEMB 7 (or MCDB 1A and EEMB 2) ........................................................................................ 7
Note: CHEM 1C is a prerequisite for MCDB 1A which may be taken concurrently.

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

Note: The following courses are not required to be admitted into the major, but are required to complete the major:

Area III courses:
Four courses from the following: ANTH 2, 5, 7; CHEM 1C; C LIT 27; CMPSC 8, 16; EARTH 2, 3;
ECON 1, 2, 9; EEMB 3; ENV S 1, 2, 3; GEOG 5; LING 20, 50, 70; MCDB 1B, 20; MATH 4A, 4B,
34B (or 2B or 3B); PHIL 3, 4; PHYS 1, 2, 3, 6A, 6B, 6C, 20; POL S 1 ............................................. 12-18

UPPER-DIVISION MAJOR

45 UD units are required, distributed as follow:
A. All four breadth requirement courses: PSY 102, 105, 106, 108............................................................... 16
B. Two courses from PSY 110-195 ................................................................................................................. 8
C. At least one laboratory course from the following:
D. 16 additional units chosen from a combination of the following: ............................................................ 16
   1. PSY 110-195 (up to 16 units)
   2. Research or Honors Experience (up to 12 units): 197A-B-C, 199, 199P
   3. Interdisciplinary List of Courses (up to 8 units): ANTH 121, 121T, 151T, 153S, 169, 177AB, 192AB;
      CNCSP 114; EEMB 129, 131, 154, 157, 180; ENV S 106; GEOG 153A, 153B, 153C;
      LING 127, 137, 149, 185; PHIL 124A, 134, 180; RGST 156BE, 172; SOC 148

Note: Enrollment in PSY 110 or higher courses is contingent upon satisfying pre-major requirements.

MAJOR REGULATIONS

PREREQUISITES Check the General Catalog for the prerequisites to all listed courses.
P/NP GRADING OPTION Up to 8 units of PSY 199P may be taken for major credit. All other major courses (Pre, Prep, or UD), including courses applied to the major from other departments, must be completed on a letter-grade basis.
SUBSTITUTIONS In the major requirements permissible only by petition to the department chair and dean.
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS At least 20 UD units in major while in residence at UCSB.
G.P.A. REQUIREMENTS At least 2.0 overall UC average in all upper-division major courses and all courses (Prep and UD) for the major.
DOUBLE MAJORS With the approval of each department chairperson, up to a total of 8 units may be applied simultaneously to both UD majors.