

Smith College Psychology Department Curriculum + Major Advising Worksheet Fall 2026

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (check as completed):

___ Three foundational courses, normally completed by end of sophomore year

- PSY 100
- SDS 201
- PSY 202

___ Breadth achieved by one course in each area

- Mind & Brain: PSY ____
- Health & Illness: PSY ____
- Person & Society: PSY ____

___ Two Colloquia

- PSY 2____
- PSY 2____

___ Two advanced courses, including one seminar

- Seminar: PSY 3____
- Other advanced course: PSY ____

___ Depth achieved by an advanced course + two other courses that focus on a field of study (specify field: _____) completed by

- Advanced course: PSY ____
- Two other related courses: PSY ____ & PSY ____

___ Ten courses total (counting no more than three 100-level courses, excluding PSY 100)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Each student, with the approval of their major adviser, elects a carefully planned program of course selections designed to meet the following requirements: 10 semester courses, including the foundational courses (PSY 100, SDS 201, PSY 202). Students normally complete these foundational courses by the end of their sophomore year. All 10 courses toward the major must be taken using the regular grading option (not S/U - courses beyond the 10 may be S/U). Note: If students have taken AP Psych [4 or 5] / IB, as of Fall 2025 they do not have to take PSY 100, though still must take 10 total courses.

Competence in the major is demonstrated by sufficient breadth and depth of course selections. **Breadth** is achieved by selecting 1 course within each of the department's 3 curricular areas. Majors must take 2 colloquia and 2 courses at the advanced level (300- or above), at least one of which is a seminar. **Depth** requires that at least one course at the advanced level combines with the student's other courses to create a constellation of three courses representing a concentrated topic of study that is important to the student and recognized by the department. Students may count no more than 3 100-level courses toward the major, not including PSY 100.

MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Six semester courses including two of the three courses that comprise the foundational courses for the major, and four additional courses selected from at least two of the three areas. One of these four courses must be a colloquium and one must be a seminar or research seminar. All courses must be taken using the regular grading option.