

M.Ed./Initial License in Social Studies Education ■ Psychology

What are prerequisites?

Prerequisites are foundational courses required in specific content areas for licensure. Candidates are required to have an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution with a major in psychology or closely related field, and with appropriate liberal arts/general education coursework. Students must verify their concentration area and supporting fields competency by completion of the following courses or equivalent. Coursework may be taken at any accredited liberal arts college or university, and you must earn a C- or better.

When do prerequisites need to be completed?

Up to two prerequisite courses may be incomplete at the start of the M.Ed./Initial License program; however, it is strongly encouraged that all prerequisite coursework is completed prior to starting the program. Any in-progress coursework would be counted as complete if an official transcript with proof of enrollment is provided at the time of application. Please check with your program area adviser before registering for any prerequisite coursework.

**Psychology CONCENTRATION AREA COURSES:
 28 credits minimum for U of M Psychology majors**

Course Requirements	Some UMN Options
Intro to Psychology Scientific study of human behavior. Problems, methods, findings of modern psychology.	PSY 1001
Research Methods & Statistics Concepts/procedures used to conduct/evaluate research, especially in social sciences. Benefits/limitations of traditional research methods. Evaluating scientific claims.	PSY 3001 or CPSY 3308
Learning & Behavior Methods/findings of research on learning and behavior change. Twentieth-century theoretical perspectives, including contemporary models. Emphasizes animal learning and behavioral psychology.	PSY 3011
Personality or Abnormal Psychology Major theories, issues, facts about personality and personality assessment. Review of historical/contemporary perspectives (e.g., psychoanalysis, humanistic psychology, trait psychology, behaviorism, evolutionary psychology) on human nature/individuality. Diagnosis, classification, etiologies of behavioral disorders.	PSY 3101 PSY 3604
Individual Differences Differential methods in studying human behavior. Psychological traits. Influence of age, sex, heredity, and environment in individual/group differences in ability, personality, interests, and social attitudes.	PSY 3135
Social Psychology Theories/research in social psychology. Attitudes/persuasion, social judgment, the self, social influence, aggression, prejudice, helping, and applications.	PSY 3201
Adolescent Psychology Overview of development in the second decade of life. Interactions of adolescents with family, school, and society.	CPSY 4303
Electives	

SUPPORTING FIELDS COURSES: 21-26 credits

Course Requirements	Some UMN Options
<p>American Government & Politics (3-4 cr) Introduction to politics/government in the United States. Constitutional origins/development, major institutions, parties, interest groups, elections, participation, public opinion. Ways of explaining politics, nature of political science.</p>	<p>POL 1001, 3306, 3308, 3309, 3321, 3325, 4327, 4737, 4766</p>
<p>US History to 1880 (3-4 cr) From colonial era through Civil War: colonization/resistance, slavery, nation-building, westward expansion, gender roles, religion, reform, race/ethnicity, immigration, industrialization, class relations</p>	<p>HIST 1301W or 1307</p>
<p>US History 1880 to Present (3-4 cr) U.S. history since Civil War: emancipation, forms of labor, immigration, citizenship, conceptions of race/gender, hot/cold wars, reform/rights movements, globalization, state power</p>	<p>HIST 1302W, 1308, or AFRO 3865</p>
<p>Sociology (3-4 cr) Study of human societies/behavior. Major theories, methods, concepts, research findings. Characteristics of basic social units, patterns of interrelation, processes of change</p>	<p>SOC 1001, 1011, 3003, 3251, 3452, 3701</p>
<p>Economics (3-4 cr) Economic behavior of consumers/firms in domestic/international markets. Demand, supply, competition. Efficiency, Invisible Hand. Monopoly, imperfect competition. Externalities, property rights. Economics of public policy in environment, health, and safety. Public goods, tax policy.</p>	<p>APEC 1101 or 1102 or ECON 1101 or 1102</p>
<p>Human Geography (3 cr) Geographical understandings of globalization and connections/differences between places; how diverse groups of people interact within the complexities of the natural environment; population policies, problems, theories; impact of population growth on food supply and the environment.</p>	<p>GEOG 1301, 3101, 3371, or 3381</p>
<p>Contemporary American Indian Studies (3 cr) Indigenous peoples contribution to history of cultural expression in North America. Historic contexts/varieties in individual tribal cultures.</p>	<p>AMIN 1001, 3201, 3301, 3402, 3409, 3501, 3711, 3713, 3872, 4525</p>