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The objective of the Psychology major is to provide students with a basic academic grounding in Psychology. Topics include human development, social and cognitive processes, mental health and adjustment of individuals, and the applications of psychology.

The objective of the Honours degree in Psychology is to provide the additional academic breadth and depth of coverage needed as the foundation for further research, applied or professional degrees, or for supervised employment or training in psychology. It also aims to provide training in thinking and analytical skills, and content useful to honours graduates in general, whether or not they intend to pursue psychology-related careers.

Entry Requirements

The Psychology major and minor programmes are open to all matriculated students of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Prospective students who would like to major in Psychology at NUS must meet the prerequisites for Psychology and obtain a grade of B- or better for the PL1101E Introduction to Psychology and a grade of B- or better for the PL2131 Research and Statistical Methods I modules. Students who achieved the minimum B- grades for PL1101E and PL2131 but have chosen to exercise the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) option for these two modules will still eligible to declare Psychology as their major.

Subject Requirements

Single Major [B.Soc.Sci. (Hons.)]

1. Pass PL1101E Introduction to Psychology. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 84 MCs of PL or PL-recognised modules which include the following:
   i. PL2131 Research and Statistical Methods I
   ii. PL2132 Research and Statistical Methods II
   iii. PL3232 Biological Psychology
   iv. PL3233 Cognitive Psychology
   v. PL3234 Developmental Psychology
   vi. PL3235 Social Psychology
   vii. PL3236 Abnormal Psychology
   viii. PL3231 Independent Research Project OR one of the PL328x lab modules.
   ix. a minimum of 52 MCs at Level-2000 or higher (excluding the modules above), with
      a. a minimum of 40 MCs at Level-4000 or higher
      b. a maximum of one other PL328X lab module not taken in (viii) above
      c. a maximum of 2 PL modules at Level-5000
      d. a maximum of 2 PL-recognised modules
Note 1:
*As PL3231 and the PL328x lab modules serve the same purpose of strengthening the empirical research skills of students, students are only allowed to read a maximum of 2 such modules, in any of the following combinations:
(1) PL3231
(2) PL328x
(3) PL3231 + PL328x
(4) PL328x + PL328x

Note 2:
The following are PL-recognised modules:

- PH2201 Introduction to the Philosophy of Science
- PH2241 Philosophy of Mind
- PH3201 Philosophy of Social Science
- LSM3215 Neuronal Signaling and Memory Mechanisms
- LSM3216 Neuronal Development and Diseases
- SW3208 Negotiation & Conflict Resolution (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- SW3209 Counselling Theories & Practice (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- EC3305 Programming Tools for Economics (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- EC3394 Economics and Psychology (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- NM3234 Leadership, Organisations and New Media (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- NM3239 Retrieving, Exploring and Analysing Data (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)

Note 3:
Students intending to do a double major in PL and SW are advised to read PL2131 in their first year because the module serves as a gate for determining whether one could pursue a major in Psychology and also because it could be read in place of SW3101.

Note 4:
Students are allowed to map a maximum of 2 PL level-4000 modules taken during exchange.

Note 5:
To declare an Honours track, students must have completed the following:

- Cohort 2012 – 2015: Completed at least 110 MCs, including 60 MCs in the Major, with a CAP of 3.20 and above.
- Cohort 2016 onwards: Completed at least 110 MCs, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a CAP of 3.20 and above.

Note 6:
The Honours Thesis/Project (15 MCs) is optional. To qualify for the Honours Thesis/Project, students must be on the Honours Track. In order to obtain First Class Honours/Honours (Highest Distinction), students must achieve the following:
• Cohort 2012 onwards: A CAP of 4.50 or higher AND read and passed PL4401 Honours Thesis.

Note 7:
Students who do not attempt the Honours Thesis/Project will read Level-4000 or higher PL modules to fulfil the Honours Requirements.

Note 8:
Students may also read a Level-4000 Independent Study Module (5 MCs). This Level-4000 ISM carries the following prerequisites:

• Cohort 2012 – 2015: Completed 100 MCs, including 60 MCs in PL, with a minimum CAP of 3.20.
• Cohort 2016 onwards: Completed 100 MCs, including 44 MCs in PL, with a minimum CAP of 3.20.

This ISM and the Honours Thesis/Project preclude one another.

Note 9:
All level-4000 modules carry the following general prerequisites:

Cohort 2012 onwards: Completed 80 MCs, including 28 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20 OR being on the Honours Track (some Level-4000 modules may have different prerequisites).

Single Major (B.A.)

1. PL1101E Introduction to Psychology. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. At least 44 MCs of PL or PL-recognised modules which include the following:
   i. PL2131 Research and Statistical Methods I
   ii. PL2132 Research and Statistical Methods II
   iii. PL3232 Biological Psychology
   iv. PL3233 Cognitive Psychology
   v. PL3234 Developmental Psychology
   vi. PL3235 Social Psychology
   vii. PL3236 Abnormal Psychology
   viii. PL3231 Independent Research Project OR one of the PL328x lab modules
   ix. a minimum of 12 MCs at Level-2000 or higher (excluding the modules above), with
      a. a maximum of one other PL328X lab module
      b. a maximum of 2 PL-recognised modules

Note 1:
Students are not allowed to read Level-5000 PL modules.

Note 2:
*As PL3231 and the PL328x lab modules serve the same purpose of strengthening the empirical research skills of students, students are only allowed to read a maximum of 2 such modules, in any of the following
combinations:
(1) PL3231
(2) PL328x
(3) PL3231 + PL328x
(4) PL328x + PL328x

Note 3:
The following are PL-recognised modules:

- PH2201 Introduction to the Philosophy of Science
- PH2241 Philosophy of Mind
- PH3201 Philosophy of Social Science
- LSM3215 Neuronal Signaling and Memory Mechanisms
- LSM3216 Neuronal Development and Diseases
- SW3208 Negotiation & Conflict Resolution (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- SW3209 Counselling Theories & Practice (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- EC3305 Programming Tools for Economics (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- EC3394 Economics and Psychology (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- NM3234 Leadership, Organisations and New Media (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- NM3239 Retrieving, Exploring and Analysing Data (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)

Note 4:
Students intending to do a double major in PL and SW are advised to read PL2131 in their first year because the module serves as a gate for determining whether one could pursue a major in Psychology and also because it could be read in place of SW3101.

Second Major

1. Pass PL1101E Introduction to Psychology. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of PL or PL-recognised modules which include the following:
   i. PL2131 Research and Statistical Methods I
   ii. PL2132 Research and Statistical Methods II
   iii. PL3232 Biological Psychology
   iv. PL3233 Cognitive Psychology
   v. PL3234 Developmental Psychology
   vi. PL3235 Social Psychology
   vii. PL3236 Abnormal Psychology
   viii. PL3231 Independent Research Project OR one of the PL328x lab modules*
   ix. a minimum of 12 MCs at Level-2000 and Level-3000 (excluding modules above), with
      a. a maximum of one other PL328X lab module*
      b. a maximum of 2 PL-recognised modules

Note 1:
Students are not allowed to read Level-4000 modules.
Note 2:
*As PL3231 and the PL328x lab modules serve the same purpose of strengthening the empirical research skills of students, students are only allowed to read a maximum of 2 such modules, in any of the following combinations:
(1) PL3231
(2) PL328x
(3) PL3231 + PL328x
(4) PL328x + PL328x

Note 3:
The following are PL-recognised modules:

- PH2201 Introduction to the Philosophy of Science
- PH2241 Philosophy of Mind
- PH3201 Philosophy of Social Science
- LSM3215 Neuronal Signaling and Memory Mechanisms
- LSM3216 Neuronal Development and Diseases
- SW3208 Negotiation & Conflict Resolution (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- SW3209 Counselling Theories & Practice (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- MNO1706 Organisational Behaviour (applicable for Cohort 2017 onwards)
- EC3305 Programming Tools for Economics (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- EC3394 Economics and Psychology (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- NM3234 Leadership, Organisations and New Media (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)
- NM3239 Retrieving, Exploring and Analysing Data (applicable for Cohort 2016 onwards)

Note 4:
Students intending to do a double major in PL and SW are advised to read PL2131 in their first year because the module serves as a gate for determining whether one could pursue a major in Psychology and also because it could be read in place of SW3101.

Note 5:
MNO1706 Organisational Behaviour could be used to fulfil the graduation requirements for the Psychology Second Major for Cohort 2017 onwards. The module could be read in place of PL3239 Industrial and Organisational Psychology. However, students are welcome to read both MNO1706 and PL3239 if they wish to and count them towards the PL graduation requirements.

Minor

Pass at least 24 MCs of PL modules, which include the following:

1. PL1101E Introduction to Psychology
2. PL2131 Research and Statistical Methods I
3. A minimum of 16 MCs from the following:
   i. PL3232 Biological Psychology
ii. PL3233 Cognitive Psychology  
iii. PL3234 Developmental Psychology  
iv. PL3235 Social Psychology  
v. PL3236 Abnormal Psychology  

**Note 1:**  
A maximum of 8 MCs from the minor can be used to satisfy the requirements of a major or another minor. However, the credits for these modules will be counted ONCE. FASS students will still need to fulfil the MCs required for the UE outside major requirements.  

**Note 2:**  
Students could not use modules in their Major requirements to double-count for any of the PL modules in the Minor basket.  

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