

# Psychology Program Information

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*We will send you additional information, including links to this PowerPoint file and links to information about courses offerings, majors, minors, etc.*

# Programs Involving Psychology

- Meeting on Tuesday, Feb 6th from 5:00-5:45 pm
  - Cognitive Science (Singer Hall 217)
- Meeting on Wednesday, Feb 7 from 12:15 - 1 pm
  - Biology (Singer 033)
- Meeting on Thursday, Feb 8th 4:45-5:30 pm
  - Psychology major
  - Psychology minor
  - Psychology & Education special major (Singer Hall 033)
- Meeting on Thursday, Feb 8th from 5:30-6:15 pm
  - Neuroscience (Singer Hall 033)
- Meeting on Monday Feb 12 from 4:30 - 5:15 pm
  - Educational Studies (Pearson 220)

# Areas of Psychology at Swarthmore

- Clinical
- Cognitive
- Developmental
- Language
- Neuroscience
  - Behavioral neuroscience
  - Cognitive neuroscience
  - Social, cognitive & affective neuroscience
- Perception
- Social
- Multicultural

# Why study psychology?

Increase understanding of...

- Self and others
- How the mind works
- Human development
- Social factors that influence attitudes and behaviors
- Research process & scientific method
- How to change behavior
- How to improve relationships and well-being

# Why study psychology? (continued)

## Develop skills

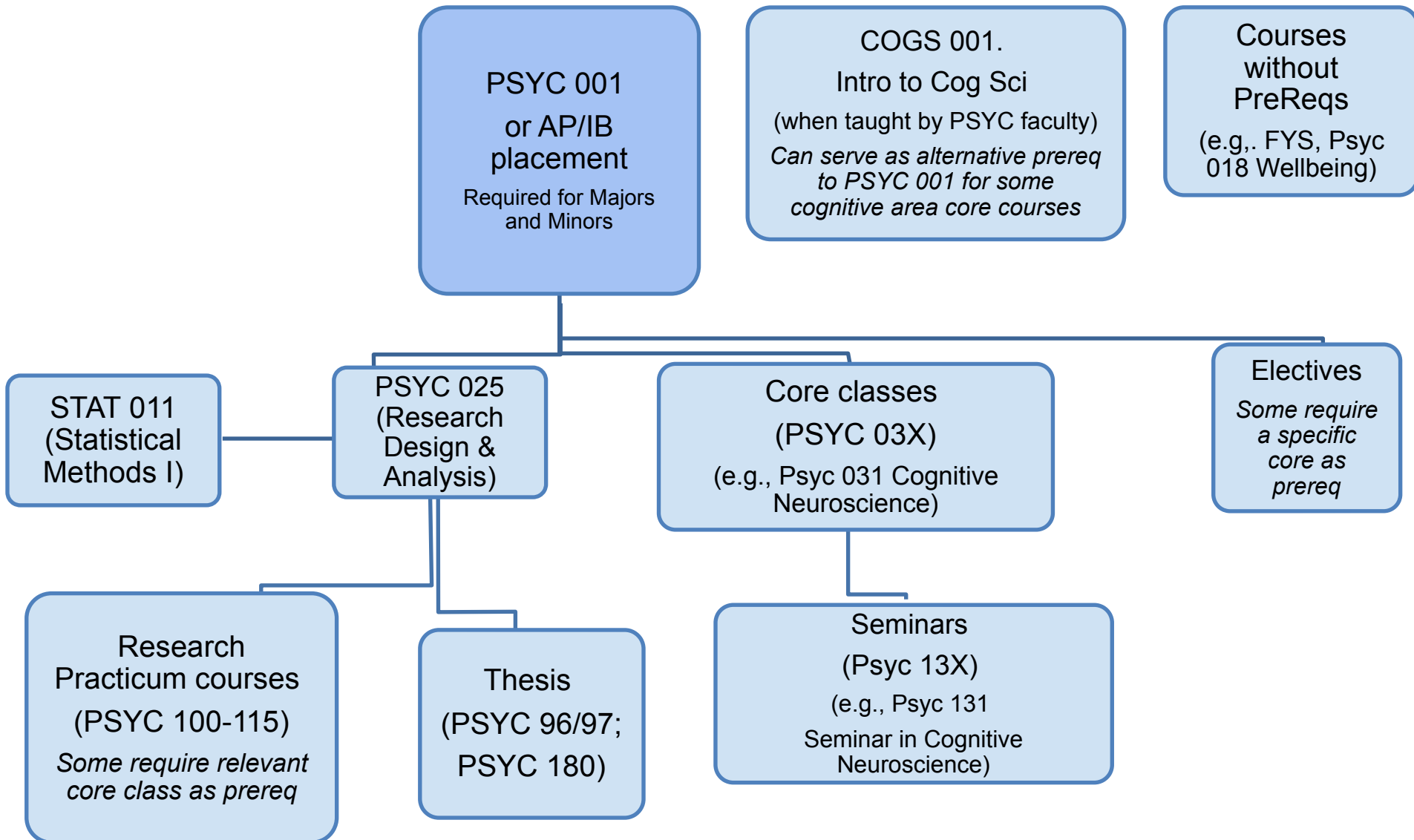
- Critical thinking
- Empirical research
- Reading and summarizing scientific literatures
- Scientific writing & presentation skills
- Understanding and working with others
- Effective communication
- Helping others

# Types of courses

<https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/courses>

- Intro courses (PSYC 001, FYS)
- Research Design & Analysis (PSYC 025)
- Core courses - #s in 30s
  - (e.g., behavioral neuroscience, cognitive, clinical, developmental, language, perception, social, social & affective neuroscience, multicultural psychology)
- Seminars - #s in 130s (honors or non-honors)
- Elective courses in special topics (e.g., Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy)
- Research and field placement courses
  - Research practica courses (#s 100-115)
  - Senior thesis
  - Senior field placement in clinical psychology (PSYC 90)

# Requirements for Psychology Major



# Psychology Program Information for Sophomore Plan

- Psychology Department website
  - See: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology>
- Course Major and Course Minor
  - See: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/majors-minors>
- Honors Program in Psychology
  - See: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/honors-program-psychology>
- Special Majors involving Psychology
  - See: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/special-majors>
- Psychology Courses (Plan for next 2 years)
  - See: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/courses>
  - *Click on course title for description & information about prerequisites*
- Psychology Department's Off-Campus Study Policies
  - See: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/campus-study>
- Sophomore Plan Info
  - <https://www.swarthmore.edu/academic-advising-support/sophomore-plan-study>



# Psychology Course Major

<https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/majors-minors>

## Minimum 8 credits + Stat 011

- PSYC 001. Intro to Psychology
  - (AP/IB can be used for placement BUT not for course credit)
  - (A couple First Year Seminars can count in place of Psyc 001 – check the course description)
- PSYC 025. Research Design & Analysis
  - (Stat 011 is prereq or coreq)
- 4 core courses (course #s in 30s)
- Senior comprehensive requirement
  - i.e., thesis, research practica course, field placement in clinical, etc.
- Additional courses to reach  $\geq 8$  credits
  - Can be additional core course, elective, seminar, research practica, senior field placement, etc.

# Psychology Honors Major

<https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/honors-program-psychology>

- PSYC 001. Intro to Psychology
  - (AP/IB can be used for placement BUT not for course credit)
- PSYC 025. Research Design & Analysis
  - (Stat 011 is prereq or corequisite)
- 4 core courses (course #s in 30s)
- **2 seminars that follow up on core courses (course #s in 130s)**
  - (honors preps = 2 core/seminar combos)
- **Senior comprehensive requirement = 2 credit thesis**
  - (honors prep = senior thesis)

# Example Psychology Honors Major

- PSYC 001. Intro to Psychology
- PSYC 025. Research Design & Analysis (+Stat 011)
- 4 core courses (course #s in 30s)
  - PSYC 30 Behavioral Neuroscience
  - PSYC 37 Multicultural Psychology
  - PSYC 35 Social Psychology
  - PSYC 39 Developmental Psychology
- 2 Seminars (must have taken core in subject first)
  - PSYC 130 Seminar in Behavioral Neuroscience
  - PSYC 135 Seminar in Social Psychology
- PSYC 180, PSYC 181
  - Honors Preparations**
    - Behavioral Neuroscience Area Core + Seminar (Psyc 30/Psyc 130)
    - Social Psychology Area Core + Seminar (Psyc 35/Psyc 135)
    - Honors Thesis (PSYC 180/181 - 2 semesters)

# Research Opportunities

(Thesis, Research Practica Courses, Etc.)

See:

<https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/research-practica>

<https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/labs>

# Psychology Course Minor

<https://www.swarthmore.edu/psychology/majors-minors>

Minimum 5 credits

- PSYC 001. Intro Psychology
  - (AP/IB can be used for placement BUT not for course credit)
- 2 core courses (course #s in 30s)
- additional courses to reach 5 credits
  - Can be additional core course, elective, seminar, research practica, senior field placement, etc.

# Psychology Honors Minor

Minimum 5 credits

- PSYC 001. Intro Psychology
  - (AP/IB can be used for placement BUT not for course credit)
- PSYC 025. Research Design & Analysis
  - (Stat 011 is prereq or coreq)
- 2 core courses (course #s in 30s)
- **1 seminar (course # in 130s) that follows up on core.**
  - (honors prep = core/seminar combo)
- If placed out of Psyc 001 through AP/IB, additional course to reach 5 credits

# Psychology & Educational Studies Special Major

[Psyc & Edu. Studies Swat Homepage Link](#)

[Psyc & Edu. Studies Requirements](#)

- 10-12 credits across Psychology & Education + Stat 011
  - $\geq 5$  courses taught by psychology faculty
  - $\geq 5$  credits in Educational Studies
- Psychology Requirements
  - PSYC 1: Intro Psychology
  - PSYC 25: Research Design & Analysis (Stat 011 is prereq or coreq)
  - 3 core courses (course #s in 30s)
- Education Requirements
  - EDUC 014: Pedagogy and Power: Introduction to Education
  - EDUC 021: Educational Psychology
- Senior comprehensive requirement
  - i.e., thesis, research practica course, senior clinical field placement, senior project that bridges both disciplines
- Additional courses in Psychology and/or Education to reach  $\geq 10$ -12 credits

# Psychology & Educational Studies **Honors** Special Major

- 10-12 credits across Psychology & Education + Stat 011
  - $\geq 5$  courses taught by psychology faculty
  - $\geq 5$  credits in Educational Studies
- Psychology Requirements
  - Psyc 001. Intro Psychology
  - Psyc 025. Research Design & Analysis (Stat 011 is prereq or coreq)
  - 3 core courses (course #s in 30s)
  - **1 seminar following up on core (Honors prep = seminar/core combo)**
- Education Requirements
  - Educ 014. Intro to Education
  - Educ 021. Educational Psychology
  - **2 credit honors seminar (Honors prep = 2 credit seminar)**
    - **\*exceptions are possible with special permission of the Chair.**
- **Senior comprehensive requirement – 2 credit thesis that bridges both disciplines (honors prep)**



# Acceptance Criteria

## Psychology Course Major

- Completed at least 2 courses in Psychology
- Good standing at the College
- AP/IB placement can count as 1 course. Note that AP/IB does not receive Swarthmore course credit

## Psychology Honors Major

- Completed at least 2 courses in Psychology
- Good standing at the College
- **B+ or higher average overall and in Psychology**
- AP/IB placement can count as 1 course. Note that AP/IB does not receive Swarthmore course credit

## Psychology Course Minor

- Completed at least 1 course in Psychology
- Good standing at the College
- AP/IB placement can count as 1 course. Note that AP/IB does not receive Swarthmore course credit

## Psychology Honors Minor

- Completed at least 1 course in Psychology
- Good standing at the College
- **B+ or higher average overall and in Psychology**
- AP/IB placement can count as 1 course. Note that AP/IB does not receive Swarthmore course credit

## Special Major: Psychology and Ed. Studies

- Completed at least 2 courses in Psychology
- Completed EDUC 014: Introduction to Education
- Completed at least 1 additional EDUC course
- Good standing at the College
- AP/IB placement can count as 1 course. Note that AP/IB does not receive Swarthmore course credit

## Special Honors Major: Psychology and Ed. Studies

- Completed at least 2 courses in Psychology
- EDUC 014: Introduction to Education
- Completed at least 1 other EDUC course
- Good standing at the College
- **B+ or higher average overall, and in both Psychology and Ed Studies**
- AP/IB placement can count as 1 course. Note that AP/IB does not receive Swarthmore course credit

# Next Steps

- **January 29 through February 16:** Departments and program info sessions offered. The info session schedule is linked [here](#). You are welcome to join, if possible.
- **February 19 (Monday) at 1:00 pm:** Deadline for students to indicate major(s) and minor(s) in mySwarthmore
- **February 23 (Friday):** Deadline for departments and programs to assign sophomore plan advisors to students in [Major/Minor Department portal](#) in AppGarden
- **February 26 (Monday):** Deadline for students to *draft* a sophomore plan to review with their advisor.
- **February 26 - March 6:** Students and sophomore plan advisors meet individually to review plan
- **March 7 at 1:00 p.m.:** Deadline for students to submit revised sophomore plan in mySwarthmore

***Extremely Important: Make sure that you have run your sophomore plan by your advisor and that your advisor has approved it, before you submit it.***