

## The Psychology Major Goals

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The purpose of a psychology major is to enable a learner to interpret psychological theory utilizing scientific methodology in order to apply that knowledge to describe, analyze, predict, and shape human behavior. A learner who has successfully completed a psychology major at Upper Iowa University will be expected to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of psychological terms, theories, and trends, along with knowledge of the physical and behavioral stages of human development. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PSY 190      General Psychology  
EDU/PSY 142 Human Growth, Development and Guidance  
PSY 212      Developmental Psychology: Birth to Adolescence  
PSY 222      Developmental Psychology: Young Adulthood to Late Adulthood  
PSY 397      Social Gerontology  
Psychology electives

2. Demonstrate an understanding of the use of statistical interpretation in psychology research. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

MATH 220    Elementary Statistics  
PSY 373      Research Methods  
PSY 190      General Psychology  
Psychology electives

3. Demonstrate an awareness of individual variation in behavior and perception and acceptance of these differences in an unbiased manner. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PSY 190      General Psychology  
Psychology electives

4. Demonstrate an awareness of moral, ethical and legal issues associated with the helping professions and the ability to incorporate ethical practices in dealing with others in professional situations. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PSY 454      Issues and Ethics in the Helping Professions  
Psychology electives

5. Demonstrate an understanding of the interpretation of psychological research and the application of that information to analyze options, draw conclusions and make sound recommendations in matters related to the field of psychology. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PSY 373      Research Methods  
PSY 454      Issues and Ethics in the Helping Professions  
Psychology electives