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BA in Psychology

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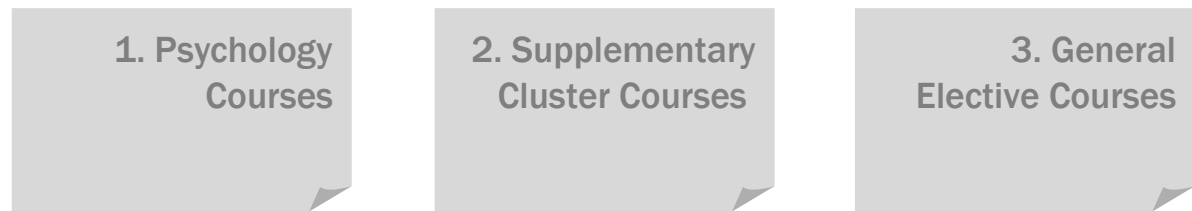
Furthermore, changes that are published through notifications and circulars will obligate the entire student body.

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This Student Handbook has been specially prepared for the Raphael Recanati International School and includes translations of relevant sections of IDC Herzliya's Hebrew Student Handbook. If any discrepancies are found between the two, the Hebrew version will take precedence. Certain sections of the Hebrew version pertain specifically to law students and thus may be disregarded by students of the International School.

Introduction to the Program

The studies for an undergraduate degree (B. A.) at the School of Psychology, comprising 120 credits*, are divided into three parts:



Additionally, students may be required to take up to 8 credits of English Communication Skills courses, depending on their level of English.

1. Psychology Courses**

1st Year

Mandatory Courses	36 credits
English Communication Skills for Psychologists (as required)	8 credits

2nd Year

Mandatory Courses	36 credits
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3rd Year

Mandatory Courses	10 credits
Theoretical Seminars	4 credits
Research Seminar	4 credits
Elective Courses in Psychology	6 credits

* The number of semester-hours studied during the course of the undergraduate degree may be higher than the number of credits awarded for the degree.

** For students who start their studies in the 2014-2015 academic year.

2. Supplementary Cluster***

All students are required to take one of the following Supplementary Clusters, consisting of 16 credits, during the second and third year of their undergraduate studies:

- Business Administration
- Government
- Communications

*** For students who start their studies in the 2014-2015 academic year.

3. General Elective Courses

During the course of the degree, all students are required to take 4 credits from the General Studies Unit, and 4 additional credits from other schools at IDC (interdisciplinary elective courses) or additional courses from the General Studies Unit.

Program

First Year

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment
8004	Introduction to Statistics Dr. Yaniv Kanat-Maymon	2* 2**	3 3	7		Exam
8147	Practical Statistics Using SPSS Mr Ehud Levitin	2**		0		Exam
8009	School Seminar Dr. Michal Reifen Tagar	2* 2**		0		
8891	Biological Basis of Behavior A Dr Limor Shtoots	2*	2	3		Exam
8010	English for Psychology Advanced 2## Ms. Louise Klaff	4**		4	English for Psychology Advanced 1	Exam
8011	English for Psychology Advanced 1## Ms. Nima Dan	4*		4		Exam
8000	Introduction to Psychology Prof. Gilad Hirschberger	4*	2	5		Exam
8001	Positive Psychology Dr. Dina Nir	4*		4		Exam
8093	Philosophy of Science Mr Yekutiel Shoham	2*		2		Exam
8054	Probability Dr. Sharon Riwkes	2*		1		Exam
8006	Social Psychology Dr. Michal Reifen Tagar	4**		4	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8002	Developmental Psychology Dr. Sarit Guttman-Steinmetz	4**		4	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8020	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology Dr. Boaz Ben-David	2**	2	3	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8892	Biological Basis of Behavior B Dr Daniel Levy	2**	2	3		Exam
	Total Credits			36(44)		

- * First Semester Course
- ** Second Semester Course
- # Part of the course Introduction to Statistics
- ## Required of students needing English instruction. English proficiency is determined based on prior studies and/or exams held at the beginning of the first year.

General Elective Courses

Students may take up to 4 credits of General Elective courses (see above) during the first year of their studies.

Second Year

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment
8130	Cognitive Processes A Dr. Boaz Ben-David	2*	2	3	Intro. to Psychology Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	Exam
8014	Research Methods Dr. Tamar Saguy Dr. Talia Haimovich	2* 2**	2 2	8	Intro. to Statistics, Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8015	Multivariate Statistics Dr. Tamar Saguy	2* 2**	3 3	7	Intro. to Statistics, Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8889	Theories of Personality A Dr. Ora Nakash	2*		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8021	Brain, Cognition, and Emotion Dr. Limor Shtoots	2*	2	3	Intro. to Psychology, Biological Basis of Behavior	Exam
8893	Introduction to Psychotherapy A Dr. Ben Shahar	2*		2	Intro. to Psychology,	Exam
8013	Organizational Psychology Dr. Moran Anisman Razin	4**		4	Intro. to Psychology Social Psychology	Exam
8131	Cognitive Processes B Dr. Daniel Levy	2**	2	3	Intro. to Psychology Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	Exam
8890	Theories of Personality B Dr. Ora Nakash	2**		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8894	Introduction to Psychotherapy B Dr. Ben Shahar	2**		2	Intro. to Psychology,	Exam
7017	Introduction to Communications: Theories and Models # Dr. Tal Azran	2**		2		Exam
	Total Credits			36		

* First Semester Course

** Second Semester Course

The course "Introduction to Communications: Theories and Models" is an elective course which can be counted either as mandatory course (for students in the Communications Cluster) or as an Interdisciplinary elective course (for students in other clusters).

Prerequisites for the second year

(Additional to the specific prerequisites required for each course)

- A grade of at least 60 in the course Introduction to Psychology (or an exemption from the course).
- The accumulation of 36 units of participation in experiments conducted in the psychology lab during their first year of studies.
- In order to register for methodological courses (Multivariate Statistics and Research Methods) during the second year, students are required to have achieved a grade of at least 60 in Statistics (or an exemption from the course).

Guided Research

In the second or third years of studies, students may conduct guided research under the direction of an academic member of the department. 2 credits will be awarded for successful completion of a guided research project. These 2 credits may be used in lieu of one psychology elective course. Details about the Guided Research framework are available from the Academic Director.

General Elective Courses

Students may take any number of General Elective courses (see above) during the second year of their studies.

Supplementary Clusters

Students should begin to take Supplementary Cluster courses during the second year of studies. See below for details.

Third Year

Mandatory

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
8025	Psychological Skills II Dr. Yasmin Fulder Dr. Chantal Stern - Azachi Mr. Aylon Slater Mr. Yair Palmoni	3* 3**		4	Intro. to Psychology Psychological Skills I	Paper
8138	Abnormal Psychology A Dr. Ben Shahar	2*		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8135	Psychology, Society and Culture Dr. Tamar Saguy	2**		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8139	Abnormal Psychology B Dr. Ben Shahar	2**		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
Total Credits				10		

Theoretical Seminar

Choose two of the following seminars¹

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
8106	Implicit and Explicit Processes in Psychopathology Dr. Guy Doron	2*		2	Intro. to Psychology Pro-Seminar	Paper
8121	The Social Brain Dr. Yulia Golland	2*		2	Intro. to Psychology Pro-Seminar	Paper
8109	Going Back to the Roots: Reconnecting Positive and Classical Psychology Dr. Sarit Steinmetz	2*		2	Intro. to Psychology Pro-Seminar	Paper
8907	Control-Related Problems and Psychopathology Dr. Assaf Soref	2**		2	Intro. to Psychology Pro-Seminar	Paper
8908	Transitional Space: Exploring Creativity through Literature, Cinema and Psychoanalysis Dr Orna Reuven	2**		2	Intro. to Psychology Pro-Seminar	Paper

¹ The courses Introduction to Psychology and Proseminar are prerequisites for all theoretical seminars.

8084	Neuro Decision Making Dr. Itzhak Aharon	2**		2	Intro. to Psychology Pro-Seminar	Paper
Total Credits				4		

Research Seminars
Choose one of the following seminars¹

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
8102	Experience-based Plasticity of Neuropsychological Functions Dr. Son Preminger	2* 2**		4		Paper
8104	Social Defense Theory Dr. Tsachi Ein-Dor	2* 2**		4		Paper
8105	Self-Criticism, Self-Compassion and Emotional disorders Dr. Ben Shahar	2* 2**		4		Paper
8076	The Psychology of Irrational Decisions Dr. Shahar Eyal	2* 2**		4		Paper
Total Credits				4		

¹ The following courses are prerequisites for all research seminars:

- Intro. to Psychology
- Intro. to Statistics
- Research Methods
- Multivariate Statistics

Elective Courses in Psychology

Choose three of the following courses*:

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
8050	Interpersonal Psychotherapy Dr. Anat Brunstein-Klomek	2*		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8087	Parent-Infant Relationship and the Relational Self Dr. Dana Shai	2*		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8899	Sleep and Sleep Disorders Dr. Jonathan Kushnir	2*		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8900	Cognitive Behavior Therapy Dr. Danny Hamiel	2*		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8905	Social and Anthropological Aspects of Children's Rights Dr. Laura Sigad	2**		2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8142	Cognitive Aging Prof. Michal Schnaider Beerli	2**		2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
Total Credits*				6		

*Students who conduct Guided Research in their 2nd or 3rd Year may use these 2 credits in lieu of one psychology elective course

General Elective Courses

The required 8 credits of General Elective courses must be completed in the third year of studies.

Supplementary Clusters

The required 16 credits of Supplementary Cluster courses must be completed during the third year of studies. See below for details.

Supplementary Cluster Studies

- All clusters consist of **16** total credits.
- Students are required to choose courses (not including seminars and workshops) from the schools of Business Administration, Government and Communications, depending on the cluster chosen by the student, and subject to the prerequisites and availability of the courses. These courses can be taken during the second or third years of study.

Communications Cluster

In addition to the mandatory courses listed below, the students in the Communications Cluster are required to register for the course Introduction to Communications¹ (taken in the 2 year) as well as 10 additional credits of the mandatory or elective courses² in the School of Communications.

Mandatory Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
7394	Family Communication and New Media Dr. Roi Estlein	2*		2		Exam
7338	Face the Press - Journalism and Social Media Mr. Roy Katz	2*		2		Paper

* First Semester Course

** Second Semester Course

¹ Students in the Communications cluster, who haven't taken this course in their 1st year, will be required to take it in their 3rd year.

² Psychology students taking communication courses as part of their Supplementary Cluster may be exempt from prerequisite requirements listed for those courses.

Government Cluster

Students taking the Government cluster will take 16 credits of courses from the School of Government, including at least 2 introductory (first- or second-year) courses. Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Statistics (Government), and Research Methods (Government) are not eligible courses for the cluster.

Business Administration Cluster

Acceptance to the Business Administration cluster is conditional upon:

- A grade of **80 or higher** in the course Introduction to Statistics
- A total **GPA of at least 85** for the first year.

In addition to the mandatory courses listed below, students in the Business Administration cluster are required to register for 8 or 9 additional credits (see explanation below) of the mandatory or elective courses in the School of Business Administration.

Mandatory Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
7	Microeconomics Group I – Prof. Abraham. Bertisch	4*		4		Exam

Required Elective courses

Choose one of the following required electives¹:

43	Principles of Marketing Management Dr. Guido Tamir	4*		4		Exam
2150	Entrepreneurship and Business Management Mr Uri Aizik	3**		3		Exam

* First Semester Course

** Second Semester Course

¹ The Business Administration Cluster requires 16 credits in total. Students who choose the course “Principles of Marketing Management” will be required to register for 8 additional credits. Students who choose the course “Entrepreneurship and Business Management” will be required to register for 9 additional credits.

Exam Schedule

The dates of the examinations can be found on the IDC Herzliya website under Students → Course Catalogue, Student Regulations and Syllabi → Search Exams

A personal examinations schedule is published at the Student's Information website (My IDC).