

Baruch Ivcher School of Psychology

BA in Psychology

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Introduction to the Program

The studies for an undergraduate degree (B. A.) at the School of Psychology, comprising 120 credits* are as follows:

Psychology Curriculum*

1st Year

Mandatory Courses	39 credits
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2nd Year

Mandatory Courses	40 credits
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3rd Year

Mandatory Courses	6 credits
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Psychological Skills and Field Experience	4 credits
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Theoretical Seminar	3 credits
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Research Seminar	4 credits
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Elective Courses in Psychology	8 credits
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Interdisciplinary Enrichment Courses	8 credits
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General Elective Courses

Psychology students are required to take 8 general studies credits, which can be courses from the General Studies Unit or from other schools at IDC. These courses may be taken at any time during the course of studies. With the permission of the program director, students may take extra Psychology elective courses in the 3rd year to fulfil this category.

*For students who start their studies in the 2019-2020 academic year.

"Brain and Mind" Program

Program coordinator: Dr. Limor Shtoots

This two year program provides outstanding 2nd and 3rd year undergraduate psychology students with the opportunity to explore the relationship between mind and body, and to participate in ground-breaking research. The "Brain and Mind" internships take place at the IDC laboratories and the Sagol Neuroscience Center of Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer.

Admission to the program is after completion of the 1st year. Academic standing requirements are grades of 88 minimum each in: Biological Basis of Behavior, Introduction to Cognitive Psychology, and Statistics. Acceptance to the program is dependent on a personal interview by the relevant researcher.

During the 2nd academic year of psychology studies, participants acquire methodical research skills in neuroscience or neuropsychology (EEG, eye-tracking, physiological markers, MRI, animal behavior, sleep studies, neuropsychological testing, psycho-pharmacology, programming and analysis in Matlab, E-prime, etc.). This work is conducted within the framework of a Guided Research Psychology elective course - 2 academic credits.

During the final academic year, students commit to 14 weekly hours of participation in a research project under the supervision of senior researchers, earning 4 academic credits in fulfillment of Psychological Skills and Field Experience, and 4 academic credits in fulfillment of a Research Seminar.

Honors Program

Program coordinator: Dr. Boaz Ben-David

The Honors Program in Psychology is designed to give outstanding B.A. students who plan a career in Psychology a unique opportunity to learn about and engage in original research. The program involves participation in a weekly seminar in the 2nd and 3rd year of studies, and requires the completion of an original, independent, personal research project, resulting in an Honors Thesis. Selection of students for the program takes place at the end of the first year and is based on 1st year grades, a written assignment and a personal interview.

Program of Studies

First Year

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment
Fall Semester Courses						
8164	School Seminar Dr. Michal Reifen Tagar	2		2		Paper
8910	Introduction to Statistics A Dr. Yaniv Kanat-Maymon	2	3	3.5		Exam
8935	Biological Basis of Behavior A Dr. Limor Shtoots	2	2	4		Exam
8010	English for Psychology Advanced 2 Dr. Glenda Sacks	4		2		Exam
8000	Introduction to Psychology Prof. Gilad Hirschberger	4	2	5		Exam
8093	Philosophy of Science Dr. Ori Rotlevy	2		2		Exam
8054	Probability Dr. Sharon Riwkes Dr. Lior Galili	2		1		Exam
Spring Semester Courses						
8911	Introduction to Statistics B Dr. Yaniv Kanat-Maymon	2	3	3.5	Intro. to Statistics A	Exam
8006	Social Psychology Dr. Michal Reifen Tagar	4		4	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8002	Developmental Psychology Dr. Rachel-Shlomit Brezis	4		4	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8936	Cognitive Processes A: Sensation and Perception Prof. Boaz Ben-David Dr. Vered Shakuf	2	2	4	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8937	Biological Basis of Behavior B Dr. Limor Shtoots	2	2	4	Biological Basis of Behavior A	Exam
8147	Practical Statistics Using SPSS Mr. Ehud Levitin	2		0		Exam
	Total Credits			39		

Second Year

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 the 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 Introduction to Statistics A and B (or an exemption from the courses).

Group Guided Research

In the 2nd or 3rd years of studies, students may participate in Group Guided Research under the direction of a member of the department. 2 credits will be awarded for successful completion of a guided research project, which may be used in lieu of one psychology elective course. For the list of the guided research tracks offered, please see page 11.

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment
Year-Long Course						
8014	Research Methods Dr. Karin Zohar Cohen	4	4	8	Intro. to Statistics, Intro. to Psychology	Exam
Fall Semester Courses						
8939	Cognitive Processes B: Attention and Language Prof. Boaz Ben-David Dr. Vered Shakuf	2	2	4	Cognitive Processes A	Exam
8924	Multivariate Statistics A Dr. Maya Lecker	2	3	3.5	Intro. to Statistics A, B	Exam
8017	Theories of Personality Dr. Sharon Riwkes	4		4	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8984	Biological Basis of Behavior - Advanced Topics Dr. Limor Shtoots	2	2	4	Intro. to Psychology, Biological Basis of Behavior A, B	Exam

Spring Semester Courses

8914	Psychology and Social Change Dr. Uri Lifshin	2		1	Social Psychology	Paper
8013	Organizational Psychology Ms. Osnat Boyskila-Yam	4		4	Intro. to Psychology Social Psychology	Paper
3034	Introduction to Clinical Psychology Ms. Eve Lishner-Freud	4		4	Theories of Personality	Paper
8940	Cognitive Processes C: Memory and Reasoning Prof. Daniel Levy	2	2	4	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8925	Multivariate Statistics B Dr. Maya Lecker	2	3	3.5	Multivariate Statistics A	Exam
	Total Credits			40		

Third Year Mandatory Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
Year-Long Course						
8025	Psychological Skills Dr. Yasmin Fulder Dr. Chantal Stern - Azachi Dr. Efrat Salton	6		4	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
Fall Semester Course						
8138	Abnormal Psychology A Dr. Alexandra Klein Rafaeli	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
Spring Semester Courses						
8135	Psychology, Society and Culture Dr. Yuval Benziman	2		2	Intro. to Psychology Social Psychology	Exam
8139	Abnormal Psychology B Dr. Alexandra Klein Rafaeli	2		2	Abnormal Psychology A	Exam
Total Credits				10		

Theoretical Seminar

Choose one of the following seminars

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
Fall Semester Seminars						
8960	Psycholinguistics, Emotions and Conflict Resolution Dr. Orly Idan	3		3	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8064	Development of Prosocial and Antisocial behaviors Dr. Sarit Steinmetz	3		3	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8082	Multidimensional Approach to Emotions Prof. Gilad Hirschberger	3		3	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
Total Credits				3		

Research Seminars

Choose one of the following seminars¹

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
Year-Long Seminars (2 hours each semester)						
8957	Avatar Psychology Dr. Beatrice Hasler	4		4		Paper
8104	Social Defense Theory Prof. Tsachi Ein-Dor	4		4		Paper
8989	The Neurobiology of Attachment: Healthy and Pathological Processes Prof. Ruth Feldman	4		4		Paper
8174	Terror Management Theory Dr. Uri Lifshin	4		4		Paper
8149	Brain and Mind Dr. Limor Shtoots	4		4	Instructor permission	Paper
8144	Honors Thesis Prof. Ben David Boaz	4		4	Instructor permission	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 four of the following courses

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
Fall Semester Courses						
8998	Mindfulness – A Scientific and Experimental Approach Ms. Orit Reem	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8962	Autism Spectrum Disorder – at the Nexus of Biology, Psychology and Culture Dr. Rachel-Shlomit Brezis	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8900	Cognitive Behavior Therapy Dr. Danny Hamiel	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8991	Introduction to Art Therapy Ms. Tamar Kichli Borochofsky	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
Spring Semester Courses						
8142	Cognitive Aging Prof. Michal Schnaider Beeri	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8993	Interpersonal Psychotherapy Dr. Alexandra Klein Rafaeli	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8165	Living in the Shadow of Death: Terror Management Theory on Personal Choices and inter-group Relations. Dr. Karin Zohar Cohen	2		2	Intro to Psychology	Paper
2823	Psychological Reading of Israeli Prose Dr. Biri Rottenberg	2		2	Intro to Psychology	Paper

Group Guided Research

A group guided research can be chosen instead of one elective course in Psychology.

Year-long Courses (2 hours each semester)

8969	Yes we can: communication aging and neuropsychology lab Prof. Boaz Ben-David	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8970	Interpersonal synchrony and neuroscience Dr. Nava Levit-Binnun	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8967	Intervention for suicide prevention and strength development among students in middle and high schools in Israel Prof. Anat Brunstein Klomek	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8968	Instructed hormonal research - Laboratory course Dr. Orna Zagoory	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8172	Research of mental processes in sport and exercise Prof. Gershon Tenenbaum	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
3048	Project Alpha: Genetic and Epigenetic Study of Psychological Development Prof. Tzahi Ein Dor	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8157	Infant Development - Development of the caregiver, the infant and the relationship between the two Dr. Tali Frenkel	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8931	Research conducted by the members of DICE@IDC research center Prof. Shahar Ayal	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper

Interdisciplinary Enrichment Courses

Third year students are required to complete an eight-credit interdisciplinary enrichment unit, as follows:

Choose one of the following Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
8170	Psychology, Brain & Life science Dr. Noa Albelda Dr. Limor Shtoots	8		8	Biological Basis of Behavior A+B; Biological Basis of Behavior – Advanced Topics	Papers, and Presentations
8995	Criminology and the Psychology of Crime Dr. Joshua Weiss	8		8		Exam, Papers, and Presentations
Communications Track						
2649	Communication, Culture and Society Dr. Tal Azran	2		2		Exam
7205	Film Theory Dr. Rachel Questel	2		2		Exam
7110	Language, Culture and Society Dr. Orly Idan	2		2		Exam
7158	Family on Television: Identity, Gender, and the Other Dr. Tal Azran	2		2		Exam
	Upstart: Entrepreneurial Management* Dr. Gali Einav	12		12		Projects and Presentations

*Participation in the Upstart: Entrepreneurial Management program is competitive, available to a limited number of students, and dependent on an application and interview process conducted by the Adelson School of Entrepreneurship. Eight credits will be applied towards Psychology requirements and four credits will be applied towards general courses.

Exam Schedule

The dates of 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).