

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 credits¹, are divided into two parts:

Psychology
Courses

General Elective
Courses

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

Psychology Courses²

1st Year

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| Mandatory Courses | 37 credits |
| English Communication Skills for Psychologists (as required) | 2 credits |

2nd Year

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| Mandatory Courses | 40 credits |
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3rd Year

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| Mandatory Courses | 6 credits |
| Field Experience | 4 credits |
| Theoretical Seminars | 3 credits |
| Research Seminar | 4 credits |
| Elective Courses in Psychology | 6 credits |
| Interdisciplinary Cluster | 10 credits |

General Elective Courses

Psychology students are required to take 8 General Elective credits, which can be selected from the General Studies Unit or from courses at other schools at IDC. These courses may be taken at any time during the degree.

¹ 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.

² For students who start their studies in the 2016-2017 academic year.

Brain and Mind Internship

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 in IDC laboratories and in 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.) Guided Research 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 seminar and requires the completion of an original, independent 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.

Year 1 of the Honors Program - 2 academic credits as a General Elective

Year 2 of the Honors Program - 4 academic credits in fulfillment of a Research Seminar

Program of Studies

First Year

| Course Code | Course Name | Lecture Hours | Recitation Hours | Total Credit Points | Prerequisites | Final Course Assignment |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Year-Long Courses | | | | | | |
| 8009 | School Seminar Dr. Michal Reifen Tagar | 4 ¹ | | 0 | | |
| Fall Semester Courses | | | | | | |
| 8910 | Introduction to Statistics A Dr. Yaniv Kanat-Maymon | 2 | 3 | 3.5 | | Exam |
| 8935 | Biological Basis of Behavior A Dr. Daniel Levy | 2 | 2 | 4 | | Exam |
| 8010 | English for Psychology Advanced 2² Ms. Louise Klaff | 4 | | 2 | English for Psychology Advanced 1 | Exam |
| 8000 | Introduction to Psychology Prof. Gilad Hirschberger | 4 | 2 | 5 | | Exam |
| 8001 | Positive Psychology Dr. Dina Nir | 2 | | 2 | | Paper |
| 8093 | Philosophy of Science Mr Yekutiel Shoham | 2 | | 2 | | Exam |
| 8054 | Probability Dr. Sharon Riwkes Ms. Lior Galili | 2 | | 1 | | Exam |
| Spring Semester Courses | | | | | | |
| 8911 | Introduction to Statistics B Dr. Yaniv Kanat-Maymon | 2 | 3 | 3.5 | Introduction to Statistics A | 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 |
| 8936 | Cognitive Processes A | 2 | 2 | 4 | Intro. to | Exam |

¹ Two hours each semester

² 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.

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| | sensation and perception Dr. Boaz Ben-David | | | | Psychology | |
| 8937 | Biological Basis of Behavior B Dr Daniel Levy | 2 | 2 | 4 | | Exam |
| 8147 | Practical Statistics Using SPSS Mr Ehud Levitin | 2 | | 0 | | Exam |
| | Total Credits | | | 37/39 | | |

General Elective Courses

Students may take any number of general elective courses (from the 8 general elective credits required) during the 1st year of their studies.

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 Statistics (or an exemption from the course).

Second Year

| Course Code | Course Name | Lecture Hours | Recitation Hours | Total Credit Points | Prerequisites | Final Course Assignment |
|------------------------------|---|----------------|------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Year-Long Course | | | | | | |
| 8014 | Research Methods Prof. Tamar Saguy Dr. Talia Haimovich | 4 ¹ | 4 | 8 | Intro. to Statistics, Intro. to Psychology | Exam |
| Fall Semester Courses | | | | | | |
| 8939 | Cognitive Processes B - Attention and Language Dr. Boaz Ben-David | 2 | 2 | 4 | Intro. to Psychology Introduction to Cognitive Psychology | Exam |
| 8924 | Multivariate Statistics A Mr Alon Zivony | 2 | 3 | 3.5 | Intro. to Statistics, Intro. to Psychology | Exam |
| 8889 | Theories of Personality A Dr. Nataly Sagol | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Exam |
| 8938 | Brain, Cognition, and Emotion Prof. Daniel Levy | 2 | 2 | 4 | Intro. to Psychology, Biological Basis of Behavior | Exam |
| 8912 | Introduction to Clinical Psychology A Dr. Ben Shahar | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology, | Exam |
| 8914 | Psychology and Social Change Mr. Aharon Levy | 2 | | 1 | | Paper |

¹ Two lecture hours and two recitation hours each semester

Spring Semester Courses

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| 8013 | Organizational Psychology Ms. Osnat Boyskila-Yam | 4 | | 4 | Intro. to Psychology Social Psychology | Exam |
| 8940 | Cognitive Processes C - Memory and Reasoning Prof. Daniel Levy | 2 | 2 | 4 | Intro. to Psychology | Exam |
| 8890 | Theories of Personality B Dr. Nataly Sagol | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Exam |
| 8913 | Introduction to Clinical Psychology B Dr. Ben Shahar | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology, Introduction to Clinical Psychology A | Exam |
| 8925 | Multivariate Statistics B Mr Alon Zivony | 2 | 3 | 3.5 | Intro. to Statistics, Intro. to Psychology | Exam |
| Total Credits | | | | 40 | | |

Guided Research

In the 2nd or 3rd years of studies, students may conduct a 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 with the Academic Director.

General Elective Courses

Students may take any number of general elective courses (from the 8 general elective credits required) during the second year of their studies.

Third Year Mandatory Courses

| Course Code | Course Name | Lecture Hours | Recitation Hours | Total Credit Points | Pre-requisites | Final Course Assignment |
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Year-Long Course

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| 8025 | Psychological Skills II Dr. Yasmin Fulder Dr. Chantal Stern - Azachi Dr. Efrat Salton Mr. Yair Palmoni | 6 ¹ | | 4 | Intro. to Psychology Psychological Skills I | Paper |
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Fall Semester Course

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| 8138 | Abnormal Psychology A Dr. Ben Shahar | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Exam |
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Spring Semester Courses

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| 8135 | Psychology, Society and Culture Prof. Tamar Saguy | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Exam |
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| 8139 | Abnormal Psychology B Dr. Ben Shahar | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Exam |
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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 |
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Fall Semester Seminars

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|------|---|---|--|---|----------------------|-------|
| 8960 | Theoretical seminar: Psycholinguistics, emotions and conflict resolution Dr. Orly Idan | 3 | | 3 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |
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| 8064 | Development of Prosocial and antisocial behaviors Dr. Sarit Steinmetz | 3 | | 3 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |
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| 8082 | Multidimensional Approach to Emotions Prof. Gilad Hirschberger | 3 | | 3 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |
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Total Credits **3**

¹ 3 hours each semester

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 |
| 8958 | Intergroup Relations and Social Change Prof. Tamar Saguy | 4 | | 4 | | Paper |
| 8959 | Behavioral Ethics Dr. Shahar Eyal | 4 | | 4 | | Paper |
| 8144 | Honors Thesis Prof. Eran Halperin | 4 | | 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 |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Fall Semester Courses | | | | | | |
| 8961 | Organizational Well Being Ms. Dana Zelicha | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Exam |
| 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. Sharon Zimmerman-Brener | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |
| Spring Semester Courses | | | | | | |
| 8087 | Parent-Infant Relationship and the Relational Self Dr. Dana Shai | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Exam |
| 8142 | Cognitive Aging Prof. Michal Schnaider Beeri | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |
| 8963 | Matlab Mr. Noam Brazis | 2 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Exam |

Group Guided Research

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

Year-long Courses (2 hours each semester)

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| 8964 | Existential threats and political attitudes Prof' Gilad Hirschberger | 4 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |
| 8929 | Guided research on social defense theory and its implication to interpersonal relationships Prof. Tsachi Ein-Dor | 4 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |
| 8930 | Cognition & Aging Dr. Boaz Ben-David | 4 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |
| 8965 | Interpersonal synchrony and neuroscience Dr. Nava Levit-Binnun Dr. Yulia Golland | 4 | | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |

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| 8932 | Guided Research on the Psychology of Intergroup Conflict Dr. Michal Reifen Tagar Prof Eran Halperin Prof. Tamar Saguy | 4 | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |
| 8933 | Group Project Course in the Advanced Reality Lab Dr. Doron Friedman | 4 | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |
| 8931 | Research Conducted by the Members of DICE@IDC Research Center Dr. Ayal Shaha | 4 | 2 | Intro. to Psychology | Paper |
| Total Credits | | | 6 | | |

General Elective Courses

The required 8 credits of General Elective courses must be completed in the 3rd year of studies.

Supplementary Clusters

The required 16 credits of supplementary cluster courses must be completed during the 3rd year of studies. See below for details.

Supplementary Cluster Studies for 3rd year¹ students

- 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.

Supplementary Cluster in Communications

| Course Code | Course Name | Lecture Hours | Recitation Hours | Total Credit Points | Pre-requisites | Final Course Assignment |
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Cluster Mandatory Course in the 2nd year

Spring Semester Courses

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| 7017 | Introduction to Communications: Theories and Models Dr. Roi Estlein | 2 | | 2 | | Exam |
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Cluster Mandatory Courses in the 3rd year

Fall Semester Courses

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| 7394 | Family Communication and New Media Dr. Roi Estlein | 2 | | 2 | | Paper |
| 7338 | Face the Press - Journalism and Social Media Mr. Roy Katz | 2 | | 2 | | Paper |

In addition to the mandatory courses listed above, the students in the Communications Cluster are required to register for 10 additional credits of the mandatory or elective courses² in the School of Communications.

¹ For students who are in their 3rd year during the 2016/17 academic year only

² Psychology students taking communications courses as part of their supplementary cluster may be exempt from prerequisite requirements listed for those courses.

Supplementary Cluster in Business Administration

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 1st year.

| Course Code | Course Name | Lecture Hours | Recitation Hours | Total Credit Points | Pre-requisites | Final Course Assignment |
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Cluster Mandatory Course in the 2nd year

Spring Semester Course

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| 43 | Principles of Marketing Management Mr. Coby Morvinski | 4 | | 4 | | Exam |
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Cluster Mandatory Course in the 3rd year

Fall Semester Course

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| 7 | Microeconomics Group I – Mr . Ido Eisdorfer | 3 | | 3 | | Exam |
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In addition to the mandatory courses listed above, students in the Business Administration cluster are required to register for 9 additional credits of the mandatory or elective courses in the School of Business Administration.

Supplementary Cluster in Government

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

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).