

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 122 credits*, of which 118 as part of the psychology curriculum, and 4 as general electives, as follows:

Psychology Curriculum*

1st Year

Mandatory Courses	46 credits
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2nd Year

Mandatory Courses	40 credits
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3rd Year

Mandatory Courses	4 credits
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Psychological Skills and Field Experience	4 credits
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Theoretical Seminar	2 credits
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Research Seminar	4 credits
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Elective Courses in Psychology	10 credits
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Interdisciplinary Enrichment Unit	8 credits
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General Elective Courses

Psychology students are required to take 4 general studies credits, which can be courses from the General Studies Unit or from other schools at Reichman University. These courses are taken in the second and third years of study. With the permission of the program director, students may take extra Psychology elective courses in the 3rd year to fulfill this category.

*For students who start their studies in the 2026-2027 academic year. Changes to the curriculum may occur based on the discretion of the School of Psychology.

First-year students in the RRIS international programs will be required to complete the DNA course on Zionism during their first year of studies.

"Brain and Mind" Program

Program coordinator: Dr. Linoy Schwartz

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 neuroscience research. The "Brain and Mind" internships take place at the Reichman University 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 90 minimum each in: Psychology and Neuroscience: An Interdisciplinary Approach (A and B), Cognitive Processes A, and Introduction to Statistics (A and B). Acceptance to the program is dependent on an application form and a personal interview by the relevant researcher.

During the 2nd academic year of psychology studies, participants acquire methodical research skills in neuroscience. This work is conducted within the framework of a Guided Research Psychology elective course – 2 academic credits. In addition, students are required to take an Introduction to R program statistics 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: Prof. Boaz Ben-David

This two-year program is designed for a small group of outstanding students from both the Israeli and International tracks and is conducted in English. It equips students with the skills required for a successful research career in psychology across various subfields. Admission occurs at the end of the first year (or second year for the dual degree) and is based on academic performance, a written assignment, and interviews. The program is carried out during the last two years of the bachelor's degree. In the program's first year, students attend a seminar where they engage with researchers and collaboratively analyze their work. Students learn to read and analyze academic papers, think critically, write academic papers and develop research ideas. In the second year, students lead an original, independent research project culminating in the submission of an undergraduate thesis. Students receive 2 academic credits for a required course (Course Code: 8125) and 4 credits for the research seminar (Course Code: 8144).

Program of Studies

First Year

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points
Year-Long Course				
8006	Social Psychology	4		4
Fall Semester Courses				
5447	Introduction to Statistics A	2	2	4
8935	Biological Basis of Behavior A	2	2	4
8000	Introduction to Psychology	4	2	5
8093	Philosophy of Science	2		2
8189	Probability	2		2
Spring Semester Courses				
8164	School Seminar	2		2
5448	Introduction to Statistics B	2	4	6
8002	Developmental Psychology	4		4
8936	Cognitive Processes A: Sensation and Perception	2	2	4
8937	Biological Basis of Behavior B	2	2	4
5084	Practical Statistics Using JASP	2		2
8010	English for Psychology Advanced 2	4		2
6953	Modern Zionism in Light of the Declaration of Independence	1		1
Total Credits				46

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 10.

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points
Year-Long Course				
8014	Research Methods	4	4	8
Fall Semester Courses				
8939	Cognitive Processes B: Attention and Language	2	2	4
5456	Multivariate Statistics A	2	4	6
3034	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	4		4
8984	Biological Basis of Behavior – Advanced Topics	2	2	4

Spring Semester Courses				
8013	Organizational Psychology	4		4
8017	Theories of Personality	4		4
8940	Cognitive Processes C: Memory and Reasoning	2	2	4
9968	Applied AI Tools for Psychologists: From Language Models to AI Agents	2		2
	Total Credits			40

Third Year Mandatory Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points
Year Long Course				
8025	Psychological Skills	6		4
Fall Semester Course				
8138	Abnormal Psychology A	2		2
Spring Semester Courses				
8135	Psychology, Society and Culture	2		2
8139	Abnormal Psychology B	2		2
Total Credits				10

Theoretical Seminar
Choose one of the following seminars

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points
Fall Semester Seminars				
5735	Storytelling in Organizations	2		2
5487	Positive Psychology	2		2
5488	Clinical Neuroscience: Brain, Psychopathology, and Treatment	2		2
5489	Existential Psychoanalysis	2		2
Total Credits				2

Research Seminars
Choose one of the following seminars¹

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Notes
Year- Long Seminars (2 hours each semester)					
3791	Exposure to trauma – coping and resistance	4		4	
4922	Shaping memory and facing anxiety	4		4	
8149	Brain and Mind	4		4	For Brain and Mind Program students only
5739	Fear and Decision-Making	4		4	
8144	Honors Thesis	4		4	For Honors Program students only
5996	Cognitive Enhancement: Theories and Applications	4		4	
8989	The Neurobiology of Attachment; Healthy and Pathological Processes	4		4	
Total Credits				4	

¹ The following courses are prerequisites for all research seminars:

- Intro. to Psychology
- Intro. to Statistics
- Research Methods
- Multivariate Statistics
- Practical Statistics Using JASP

Elective Courses in Psychology

Choose four of the following courses

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Notes
Fall Semester Course					
4896	Introduction to R	2		2	
4932	How to Call Out Nonsense: Social Cognition in Everyday Life	2		2	
3908	Neurobiological basis of Psychopathology and Treatment	2		2	
9060	Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI)	2		2	This course will be given in a special one-week session before Fall semester
Spring Semester Courses					
8993	Interpersonal Psychotherapy	2		2	
8186	Atypical: Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder	2		2	
8900	Cognitive Behavior Therapy	2		2	
8991	Creative art therapies as clinical playgrounds	2		2	
5089	Mind hacking: integrating ancient wisdom with science to cultivate stability, clarity and compassion	2		2	

Group Guided Research

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

Year-long Courses (2 hours each semester)

8968	Hormonal Research	4	2	Intro. to Psychology
8172	Research on Mental Processes in Sport and Effort	4	2	Intro. to Psychology
8178	Brain and Mind Guided Research			For Brain and Mind Program students only
5816	Gamified approaches to cognitive tasks	4	2	Intro. to Psychology
3451	Brain Research	4	2	Intro. to Psychology
8933	Advanced Reality Research	4	2	Intro. to Psychology

Interdisciplinary Enrichment Unit

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

Choose one of the following Courses

8995	Criminology and the Psychology of Crime	8	8
8975	Media Psychology	8	8

Exam Schedule

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

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