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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:

Curriculum*

1st Year

Mandatory Courses	39 credits
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2nd Year

Mandatory Courses	39 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 Cluster	8 credits
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General Elective Courses

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

*For students who start their studies in the 2017-2018 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
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 Prof. Daniel Levy	2	2	4		Exam
8010	English for Psychology Advanced 2 Dr. Sacks Glenda	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 Dr. Sharvit Gilad	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 sensation and perception Dr. Boaz Ben-David Dr. Shakuf Vered	2	2	4	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8937	Biological Basis of Behavior B	2	2	4	Biological Basis of Behavior A	Exam

¹ Two hours each semester

	Prof. Daniel Levy			
8147	Practical Statistics Using SPSS	2	0	Exam
	Mr. Ehud Levitin			
	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 Statistics (or an exemption from the course).

Group Guided Research

In the 2nd or 3rd years of studies, students may conduct a Group 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, which may be used in lieu of one psychology elective course. For the list of the guided researches offered, please see page 12.

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment
Year-Long Course						
8014	Research Methods Dr. Zohar Cohen Karin	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 Dr. Shakuf Vered	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	Exam
8889	Theories of Personality A Dr. Sadeh Sharvit Shiri	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8984	The biological basis of behavior - advanced topics and issues Prof. Daniel Levy	2	2	4	Intro. to Psychology, Biological Basis of Behavior	Exam
8912	Introduction to Clinical Psychology A Ms. Lishner-Freud Eve	2		2	Intro. to Psychology,	Exam

¹ Two lecture hours and two recitation hours each semester

Spring Semester Courses

8914	Psychology and Social Change Mr. Aharon Levy	2		1	Social Psychology	Paper
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. Sadeh Sharvit Shiri	2		2	Intro. to Psychology Theories of Personality A	Exam
8913	Introduction to Clinical Psychology B Ms. Lishner-Freud Eve	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 Multivariate Statistics A	Exam
Total Credits				39		

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 II Dr. Yasmin Fulder Dr. Chantal Stern - Azachi Dr. Efrat Salton Mr. Yair Palmoni	6 ¹		4	Intro. to Psychology Psychological Skills I	Paper
Fall Semester Course						
8138	Abnormal Psychology A Dr. Sadeh Sharvit Shiri	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
Spring Semester Courses						
8135	Psychology, Society and Culture Dr. Benziman Yuval	2		2	Intro. to Psychology Social Psychology	Exam
8139	Abnormal Psychology B Dr. Sadeh Sharvit Shiri	2		2	Intro. to Psychology 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	Theoretical seminar: 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		

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
8989	The Neurobiology of Attachment; Healthy and Pathological Processes Prof. Feldman Ruth					Paper
8990	Human behavior in emergency situations MS. Adi Perry	4		4		Paper
8149	Brain and mind Dr. Shtoots Limor	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 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 experiment Dr. Levit-Binnun Nava	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. Hamiel Danny	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8991	Creative art therapies as clinical playgrounds Dr. Rottenberg Biri	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
Spring Semester Courses						
8992	Creativity in individuals and Teams Dr. Noy Lior	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8142	Cognitive Aging Prof. Michal Schnaider Beerl	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8987	Matlab Mr. Hakim Adam	2		2	Intro. to Psychology	Exam
8993	Interpersonal Psychotherapy Prof. Brunstein Klomek Anat	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)

8966	Interpersonal synchrony and neuroscience Prof. Mikulincer Mario	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8969	Yes we can communication aging and neuropsychology lab Dr. 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. Brunstein Klomek Anat	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper
8968	Instructed Hormonal Research - Laboratory Course Dr. Zagoory Orna	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	
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 Shahar	4	2	Intro. to Psychology	Paper

Interdisciplinary Cluster

Third year students are required to complete an eight credits interdisciplinary cluster, as follows:

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Pre-requisites	Final Course Assignment
8994	Soul and Spirit: Psychology and the Humanities Dr. Gilad Sharvit Dr. Ornat Lev-er	8		8		Papers and Presentations
8995	Criminology and the Psychology of Crime Dr. Joshua Weiss	8		8		Exam, Papers, and Presentations
8996	Life and Mind: Biological Sciences and Psychology Dr. Limor Shtoots Prof. Daniel Levy	8		8		Papers and Presentations
	Upstart: Entrepreneurial Management* Dr. Gali Einav	12		12		Projects and Presentations

*Participation in the Upstart: Entrepreneurial Management Cluster 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).