The Psychology Department offers a unique perspective on human diversity, encourages self-knowledge, and helps students to develop critical thinking skills in the tradition of the liberal arts and sciences.

**Major Requirements**

- Half of major must be completed at Siena.
- No more than 48 credits in any one subject field can be applied towards the degree requirements of 120 credits.
- A student must earn a minimum grade of C- for courses that count in the major, and have a minimum average of 2.0 in the major.
- Students may use a maximum of one course that also counts in their major to satisfy the Disciplinary core requirement.
- Students may also use a maximum of one course that also counts in their major to satisfy a Franciscan Concern core requirement.
- All departments, except Biology, allow their majors to count one major course as a Disciplinary core course. All departments except Religious Studies and Social Work, allow their majors to count one major course as a Franciscan Concern Course.
- Additionally, no more than one course from a subject can be taken to meet the Franciscan Concern requirements.
REQUIRED PSYCHOLOGY COURSES (31 CREDITS):

 Introductory Course
• PSYC 100: General Psychology (pre-req for all other PSYC courses)
  *also meets the Core CDS requirement

 Developmental Area: (Choose one of the following)
• PSYC 200: Child Psychology
• PSYC 205: Adolescent Psychology
• PSYC 210: Adult Development

 Clinical Area: (Choose one of the following)
• PSYC 215: Theories of Personality
• PSYC 220: Abnormal Psychology

 Mental Process: (Choose one of the following)
• PSYC 240: Learning
• PSYC 340: Human Cognition

 Social Interaction:
• PSYC 260: Social Psychology

 Biological Bases: (Choose one of the following) *Either one of these also meets the Core CFN requirement
• PSYC 350: Physiological Psychology
• PSYC 355: Sensation and Perception

 Methodology:
• PSYC 300: Research Methods I with Lab (pre-req ATDV 110)

 Upper Level Experience: (Choose one of the following)
• PSYC 310: Tests and Measurements (pre-req ATDV 110)
• PSYC 400: Research Methods II with Lab (pre-req ATDV 110 and PSYC 300)
• PSYC 490: Seminar in Psychology

 Electives:
• 6 credits of Psychology Electives

 Auxiliary Courses:
• ATDV 110: Statistics for Social Science *Also meets the Core CDQ requirement
• **BIOL 140: General Biology for Social Science *Also meets the Core CDN requirement

SUGGESTED SEQUENCING OF PSYCHOLOGY REQUIREMENTS
The following courses are suggested early (e.g., prior to junior year, provided there are enough seats open) given they are pre-requisites for either required courses or a number of electives: PSYC 100, PSYC 220, and ATDV 110. It is desirable to have PSYC 300 completed by the junior year, especially for graduate-school bound students. Please also see the department website (www.siena.edu/psychology) for pre-requisites for an elective internship.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
A total of 120 credits overall is required. Approximately, 45 credits of general electives are need. Completing a minor or certificate will decrease the number of general electives required.


**Sienna College Core**

**42 Credits (14 Courses)**

**First-Year Seminar:** engages you in the exploration of ideas and diverse perspectives through critical reading, thinking, and writing. Two courses --Fall and Spring semesters (Attribute: CFY)

**Disciplinary Core**

**Creative Arts:** advances your appreciation and understanding of the arts while developing your own creative potential. (Attribute: CDA)

**English:** deepens self-awareness and an understanding of the world around you through literary analysis, interpretation, and reflection. (Attribute: CDE)

**History:** promotes your understanding of the complexities of the current world by exploring and analyzing the past. (Attribute: CDH)

**Natural Science:** expands your knowledge in the areas of biology, chemistry, environmental studies, or physics. (Attribute: CDN)

**Philosophy:** advances your logical thinking, analysis, sound argument, and clear writing skills. (Attribute: CDP)

**Quantitative Analysis:** equips you with the insights and skills necessary to solve complex problems. (Attribute: CDQ)

**Religious Studies:** develops and expands your understanding and appreciation of the meaning and role of religion in human cultures. (Attribute: CDR)

**Social Science:** increases your understanding of social phenomena that can affect your life, and society as a whole in different and profound ways. (Attribute: CDS)

**Franciscan Concern Core**

**Diversity: American & Global Pluralism:** explores world cultures through different points of view and expands your level of respect and compassion for persons of different values, faiths, and ideals. (Attribute: CFD)

**Heritage:** explains how Franciscan history and traditions continue to shape current beliefs and goals for a more humane world. (Attribute: CFH)

**Nature: Scientific & Normative Approaches to the Natural World:** investigates the natural world from a scientific perspective while examining the impact and consequences of human involvement in natural systems. (Attribute: CFN)

**Social Justice: Principles and Practice:** illustrates how Franciscan values and principles can create a more just world. (Attribute: CFJ)
Psychology Clubs & Organizations

Psi Chi International Honor Society

For a full list of clubs and organizations visit:
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Then click on:
• Student Life
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Psychology Club

For more information and opportunities, contact the following:
• The Study Abroad Office
• The Career Center
• The Office of Student Success and Academic Advising
Your Psychology Career Beyond Siena

Siena’s psychology graduates have had considerable success in competitive graduate programs and have launched successful careers in business, government, psychology practices, counseling centers, human resource departments, colleges, and school systems.

A recent sample of Siena College Alumni who majored in Psychology have gone on to pursue the following:

Employment:
• Social Worker, Ellis Medicine
• Chemical Dependency Counselor II, St. Peter’s Addiction and Recovery Center
• Human Resource Associate, Tectonic Engineering and Surveying Consultants
• Owner/Consultant, Fortitude Sports Psychology Consulting
• School Psychologist, Coolidge Unified School District
• Analyst, U.S. Department of Justice
• School Counselor/Tutoring Coordinator, Albany Leadership Charter High School for Girls

Graduate School:
• M.S.W. Social Work, SUNY Albany
• Ph.D. School Psychology, University of Connecticut
• M.S. Physician’s Assistant, Seton Hall University
• M.S. Exercise and Sports Science, Ithaca College
• M.A. Higher Education, Boston College
• Psy.D. Clinical Psychology, University of Hartford
• M.S. Mental Health Counseling, SUNY Albany
• M.D. Medicine, New York Medical College
• Ph.D. Neuroscience, Georgia State University
• Ph.D. Industrial/Organizational Psychology, SUNY Albany
• J.D. Law, St. John’s University

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While at Siena, Kathryn participated in the Psychology Club and enjoyed the many guest speakers that the club brought to campus. Small class sizes allowed Kathryn to connect easily with her professors and make important connections. Kathryn took advantage of the many internship opportunities offered through Siena and of the Career Center which helped connect her with potential employers.

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