

## CAREER ORIENTATION OVERLAY (COOL): HUMAN SERVICE POSITIONS

The COOL for Human Service Positions emphasizes specific coursework for students who wish to work in an applied or clinical setting after receiving their BA or BS degree with a Psychology major. A list of the types of jobs that have been obtained by psychology majors with a BA or BS degree can be found in the students Advising Center. This COOL provides recommendations for students seeking jobs in the Mental Health/Social Services section of that listing.

### Department Requirements

The Department of Psychology requires at least 30 credits in psychology, which must include Psych 111 (Introduction to Psychology), Psych 350 (Research Methods I), and Psych 351 (Research Methods II). In addition, the department requires successful completion of an elementary statistics course (Stat 330), Computer Science 147 or equivalent, and 15 credits of courses in psychology at the 400 level (e.g., five courses). See "Degree Programs for Majors in Psychology" located in the advising center for specific information regarding psychology requirements for 400 level courses.

### Recommended Courses

The Department of Psychology offers a number of courses that can help the students prepare for applied positions in psychology and related fields. These courses are listed below. These classes should help you determine which aspects of psychology you find interesting and that you might like to have a career in. You should also talk to your advisor about your interests and have him/her help you in planning a program of study. The courses below are grouped according to possible populations of jobs that you might be interested in.

### Children and Adolescence

Psych 211 – Behavior Modification  
Psych 213 – Developmental Psychology  
Psych 380 – Clinical Psychology  
Psych 399 – Forensic Psychology  
Psych 473 – Child Psychopathology  
**Minor in CDFS**

## Adults

Psych 210 – Human Sexuality  
Psych 211 – Behavior Modification  
Psych 212 – Psychological Aspects of Drug Use and Abuse  
Psych 213 – Developmental Psychology  
Psych 380 – Clinical Psychology  
Psych 399 – Forensic Psychology  
Psych 472 – Health Psychology

### **Minor in CDFS**

## The Elderly

Psych 211 – Behavior Modification  
Psych 212 – Psychological Aspects of Drug Use and Abuse  
Psych 213 – Developmental Psychology  
Psych 472 – Advanced Psychopathology  
Psych 481 – Health Psychology

### **Minor in: Gerontology**

## Health Related Settings

Psych 211 – Behavior Modification  
Psych 280 – Introduction to Health Psychology  
Psych 472 – Advanced Psychopathology  
Psych 481 – Health Psychology  
Psych 486 – Neuropsychology

You should also plan on completing Psych 495 Field Experience. Talk to your advisor about how to get involved in this. Be sure to consult your NDSU Bulletin for specific prerequisites for each course.

## **Minors**

In addition to your Psychology major, it may be helpful to complete a minor to make you more competitive in certain fields. Minors that you might want to consider if you are interested in working with particular groups or in particular job areas are listed above. Other minors that you might want to consider include:

Child Development and Family Sciences  
Sociology/Criminal Justice  
Women Studies

More information about all of these minors can be found in the NDSU Bulletin.