

Rationale and Background for Change(s)

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Consultations (Departmental)

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Supporting Documentation**General Program/Plan Information****Faculty**

Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit

Department of Philosophy

Field of Study

Philosophy

Faculty

Faculty of Arts

Undergraduate Credential Type

Major

Program Type

Honours

Degree

Bachelor of Arts (Arts)

Program/Plan Name

Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Honours)

Systems of StudyCo-operative
Regular**Online Degree/Diploma****Admissions****Admissions Entry Point**

Declare Plan

Declaration Requirements**Requirements Information****Invalid Combinations**

No

Average Requirement ?

Yes

Minimum Average(s) Required ?

- A minimum cumulative overall average of 60.0%.
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Graduation Requirements ?

- See Bachelor of Arts degree-level requirements.
- Complete a total of 8.0 units of PHIL courses.

Co-operative Education Program Requirements ?

For students in the co-operative system of study, see Bachelor of Arts co-operative education program requirements.

Course Requirements (units) ?**Required Courses**

No Rules

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Units to Complete

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Course Lists ?**Required Courses**

No Rules

Are there cross-listed courses listed in requirements?

Yes

Cross-Listings Options ?

All cross-listings to be displayed

Additional Constraints ?

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2. St. Jerome's University students may take PHIL 218J instead of PHIL 221.
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Notes ?

- See Department of Philosophy website for more information.

Specializations**Specializations for this Major ?**

No

Workflow Information**Change to Undergraduate Communication Requirement**

No

Workflow Path ?

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ?

Faculty of Arts

Senate Workflow

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Dependencies

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4G-Philosophy

Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Four-Year General)

Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

SUC Subcommittee, SUC Curricular Subcommittee

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Changes

- Effective Term and Year
- Course Requirements (no units)
- Admin Notes

Effective Date and Career

Career

Undergraduate

Important! ?

Proposed

Effective Term and Year ?

Fall 2026

Existing

Effective Term and Year ?

Fall 2023

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ?

Change

Academic Unit Approval

11/29/2024

Quality Assurance Designation ?

Minor Modification

Is there an impact to existing students? ?

No

Is the credential name changing?

No

Co-operative System of Study and Requirements ?

Not Applicable

Creating or Changing Invalid Combinations ?

No

Change to Learning Outcomes

No

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Faculty ⓘ

Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ⓘ

Department of Philosophy

Field of Study ⓘ

Philosophy

Faculty ⓘ

Faculty of Arts

Undergraduate Credential Type ⓘ

Major

Program Type

Four-Year General

Degree ⓘ

Bachelor of Arts (Arts)

Program/Plan Name ⓘ

Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Four-Year General)

Systems of Study

Regular

Online Degree/Diploma ⓘ

Admissions

Admissions Entry Point ⓘ

Declare Plan

Declaration Requirements ⓘ

Requirements Information

Invalid Combinations ⓘ

No

Average Requirement ⓘ

Yes

Minimum Average(s) Required ⓘ

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Graduation Requirements ⓘ

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Notes ⓘ

- See Department of Philosophy website for more information.

Specializations**Specializations for this Major** ⓘ

No

Workflow Information**Change to Undergraduate Communication Requirement**

No

Workflow Path ⓘ	Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ⓘ	Senate Workflow
Committee approvals	Faculty of Arts	--

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H-Psychology (BA) Psychology (Bachelor of Arts - Honours)

Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

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Changes

- Additional Constraints
- Effective Term and Year

Effective Date and Career

Career

Undergraduate

Important! ⓘ

Proposed

Effective Term and Year ⓘ

Fall 2026

Existing

Effective Term and Year ⓘ

Fall 2025

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ⓘ

Change

Academic Unit Approval

01/22/2025

Quality Assurance Designation ⓘ

Minor Modification

Is there an impact to existing students? ⓘ

No

Is the credential name changing?

No

Co-operative System of Study and Requirements ⓘ

Not Applicable

Creating or Changing Invalid Combinations ⓘ

No

Change to Learning Outcomes

No

Rationale and Background for Change(s) ⓘ

We are removing the additional constraint requiring students to complete MATH103 if they have not completed Math 4U (grade 12 university level), a Grade 12 Mathematics course in a province other than Ontario, or an approved equivalent. This will no longer be a corequisite of PSYCH291 therefore we do not need to mention it within program constraints.

Consultations (Departmental) ⓘ

Math has been consulted on the change.

Supporting Documentation

General Program/Plan Information

Faculty ⓘ

Faculty of Arts

Field of Study ⓘ

Psychology

Undergraduate Credential Type ⓘ

Major

Program Type ⓘ

Honours

Degree ⓘ

Bachelor of Arts (Arts)

Program/Plan Name ⓘ

Psychology (Bachelor of Arts - Honours)

Systems of Study ⓘ

Co-operative
Regular

Academic Unit ⓘ

Department of Psychology

Faculty ⓘ

Faculty of Arts

Online Degree/Diploma ⓘ

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Declaration Requirements ⓘ

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Co-operative Education Program Requirements ⓘ

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Course Requirements (units) ⓘ

Required Courses

No Rules

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Units to Complete

Course Requirements (no units) ⓘ

Required Courses

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete all the following:
 - PSYCH207 - Cognitive Processes (0.50)
 - PSYCH211 - Developmental Psychology (0.50)
 - PSYCH238 - Organizational Psychology (0.50)
 - PSYCH261 - Physiological Psychology (0.50)
 - PSYCH291 - Basic Research Methods (0.50)
 - PSYCH292 - Basic Data Analysis (0.50)
 - Complete 1 of the following:
 - PSYCH101 - Introductory Psychology (0.50)
 - PSYCH101R - Introductory Psychology (0.50)
 - Complete 1 of the following:
 - PSYCH253 - Social Psychology (0.50)
 - PSYCH253R - Social Psychology (0.50)
 - Complete 1 of the following:
 - PSYCH257 - Psychopathology (0.50)
 - PSYCH257R - Psychopathology (0.50)
 - Complete 1 of the following:
 - PSYCH420 - An Introduction to Computational Neuroscience Methods (0.50)
 - PSYCH451 - Honours Seminar - Child and Adolescent Psychopathology (0.50)
 - PSYCH453 - Honours Seminar in Developmental Psychology (0.50)
 - PSYCH454 - Honours Seminar in Educational Psychology (0.50)
 - PSYCH457 - Honours Seminar in Personality and Clinical Psychology (0.50)
 - PSYCH458 - Honours Seminar in Cognition (0.50)
 - PSYCH459 - Honours Seminar - Close Relationships (0.50)
 - PSYCH461 - Honours Seminar in Cognitive Neuroscience (0.50)
 - PSYCH462 - Honours Seminar in Industrial/Organizational Psychology (0.50)
 - PSYCH463 - Honours Seminar in Special Topics (0.50)
 - PSYCH470 - Special Topics in Applied Psychology (0.50)
 - PSYCH485 - Directed Studies - Seminar (0.50)
 - Complete 2.5 additional units of PSYCH courses at the 300-level or above
 - Complete 0.5 additional unit of PSYCH courses

Course Lists ⓘ

Required Courses

No Rules

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Yes

Cross-Listings Options ⓘ

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Proposed

Additional Constraints ⓘ

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Existing

Additional Constraints ⓘ

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Notes ⓘ

- Conditional standing may be granted for one academic term to students whose averages fall below the criteria listed above.
- Visit the Department of Psychology website for further information.

Specializations

Specializations for this Major ⓘ

Yes - Optional

Specialization Details ⓘ

Students may choose to focus their elective choices by completing the available specialization.

Specializations List

- Research Intensive Specialization

Workflow Information**Change to Undergraduate Communication Requirement**

No

Workflow Path

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow

Faculty of Arts

Senate Workflow

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Dependencies**Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans****ANTIREQUISITES**

✓ ARTS 280 - Statistics for Arts Students

[View Courses](#)**PREREQUISITES**

✓ PSYCH 466 - Emergent Literacy

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 454 - Honours Seminar in Educational Psychology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 492 - Psychological Measurement: Foundations of Research and Practice

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 420 - An Introduction to Computational Neuroscience Methods

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 451 - Honours Seminar - Child and Adolescent Psychopathology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 470 - Special Topics in Applied Psychology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 493 - Data Analysis and Graphing in R

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 487 - Directed Studies - Community Engagement

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 453 - Honours Seminar in Developmental Psychology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 455 - Honours Seminar in Social Psychology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 457 - Honours Seminar in Personality and Clinical Psychology

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✓ PSYCH 461 - Honours Seminar in Cognitive Neuroscience

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✓ PSYCH 463 - Honours Seminar in Special Topics

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 464 - Advanced Research Apprenticeship

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 480 - Directed Studies - Elective

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 481 - Directed Studies - Natural Science Advanced Psychology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 482 - Directed Studies - Social Science Advanced Psychology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 483 - Directed Studies - Natural Science Research

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 484 - Directed Studies - Social Science Research

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 485 - Directed Studies - Seminar

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 486 - Directed Studies - Advanced Statistics

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 499A - Honours Thesis - Part 1

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 499B - Honours Thesis - Part 2

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 499C - Honours Thesis - Part 3

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 264 - Research Apprenticeship

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 391 - Advanced Data Analysis

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 392 - Research in Human Cognitive Neuroscience

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✓ PSYCH 393 - Research in Developmental Psychology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 394 - Research in Cognition and Perception

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 395 - Research in Social Psychology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 396 - Research in Behavioural Neuroscience

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 397 - Research in Personality and Clinical Psychology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 398 - Research in Memory

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 465 - Applied Apprenticeship

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 467 - Human Resources Apprenticeship

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 462 - Honours Seminar in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 399 - Research in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 417 - Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction: Advanced Topics in Mental Health

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 292 - Basic Data Analysis

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 459 - Honours Seminar - Close Relationships

[View Courses](#)

✓ PSYCH 291 - Basic Research Methods

[View Courses](#)

✓ KIN 464 - Psychology of Injury and Rehabilitation

[View Courses](#)**SPECIALIZATION IS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS IN THE FOLLOWING MAJORS**

✓ Research Intensive Specialization - Research Intensive Specialization

[View Programs](#)

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