

How to Choose Your Electives Wisely

You can choose your electives in one of two ways. The first is to select electives you hear are easy, your friends are taking, or that fit conveniently into your schedule. Unfortunately the only thing you will gain from choosing electives in this manner is credit toward graduation. Unless you view your diploma as just a fancy piece of paper you are buying one credit hour at a time, this is not a wise strategy. The second—and much wiser strategy—is to enroll in electives that will help you develop the knowledge, skills, and characteristics you will need to enter and thrive in your chosen career and that will set you apart from the other 74,000 students who graduate with a bachelor’s degree in psychology every year. With this many psychology majors competing for jobs and graduate school, it is imperative that your credentials (i.e., your transcript and resume) reflect more than that you have merely fulfilled the minimum requirements for your bachelor’s degree. Take a careful look at the list of electives on the next two pages and pick out a few that will strengthen your ability to portray yourself as someone who knows what you want to do and who has made wise choices in preparation for that goal. For example, if you are considering a career in which you will work with juvenile offenders, you should consider the following classes listed under the departments that offer them.

Criminal Justice

- Juvenile Justice
- Corrections in the Community
- American Criminal Justice System
- Mentoring Juveniles as a Form of Aftercare

Sociology

- Juvenile Delinquency and Society
- Crime and Society
- Deviance and Social Control
- AIDS and Society
- Sexuality and Society
- Control of Crime
- Urban Sociology
- The Family
- Alienation and Anxiety in Modern Society

Public Affairs

- Urban Problems and Solutions
- Personal Career Planning

Social Work

- Introduction to Case Management
- Crisis Intervention
- Social Service Delivery Systems

Communications Studies

- Listening
- Nonverbal Communication
- Persuasion
- Intercultural Communication

Physical Education

- Drug Use in American Society
- Human Sexuality

Anthropology

- Urban Anthropology

Music

- Special Topics in Popular Music

English

- Literature for Adolescents

Successfully completing classes from this list can enable you to:

- understand the environmental factors that have placed your young clients at risk
- identify the personal, social, and cultural challenges they face
- comprehend the legal system in which they are involved
- communicate with them more effectively
- develop rapport with them more successfully
- identify resources that can help them overcome their current problems
- help them learn how to plan wisely for their futures

It is well worth your time and effort to read the *Bulletin* (for class titles and descriptions) and the *Schedule of Classes* (to determine the classes that will be available the following semester) to discover a unique constellation of electives that will convince a potential employer or a graduate school admissions committee that you are the most desirable candidate for the position or program for which you are applying. Do not leave these important decisions to chance—take as much control over your future success as you can by creating yourself in the image of the person you want to become. Psychology majors at all schools across the country are required to take approximately the same set of psychology and general education classes, but the classes you choose to take (i.e., your electives) will help to set you apart from the crowd during the graduate school and job application process. Please be aware that some of the following classes—which all appear in the *2000-2002 IUPUI Campus Bulletin* unless they are marked with **—may have prerequisites or be available only to those who are majoring in a particular academic area. Be sure to read the *Bulletin* to find out which classes are available to you.

Valuable Electives for IUPUI Psychology Majors

Allied Health

- Basic Parliamentary Procedures**

Anthropology

- Culture and Society
- Social and Cultural Behavior
- Human Growth and Development
- Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- Anthropology of Aging
- Ethnic Identify
- Introduction to Folklore
- Introduction to American Folklore
- Urban Anthropology
- African American Culture
- Human Ecology
- Human Variation
- The Anthropology of Human Nature

Art

- Art Appreciation
- Photography
- Introduction to Electronic Media
- Advanced Digital Imaging
- Introduction to Computer Imagery

Biology

- Concepts of Biology I—Plants
- Concepts of Biology II—Animals
- Introduction to Zoology
- The Biology of Women
- Human Biology
- Human Physiology
- Human Anatomy
- Introductory Principles of Genetics
- Introductory Immunology
- Principles of Ecology
- Behavioral Ecology
- Biological Chemistry
- Cellular Biochemistry

Business

- Basic Accounting Skills
- Personal Law
- Personal Finance
- Business and Society
- Small Business Entrepreneurship
- Organizational Behavior and Leadership
- Managing Behavior in Organizations
- Effective Negotiations
- Personnel—Human Resource Management
- Introduction to Marketing
- Marketing Research
- Buyer Behavior
- Advertising and Promotion Management
- Advertising Strategy
- Retail Management
- Sales Management
- Professional Selling
- Marketing Strategy
- Business Communications

Chemistry

- Principles of Chemistry I
- Principles of Chemistry II
- Experimental Chemistry I
- Experimental Chemistry II
- The Chemistry of Life

Classical Studies

- Beginning Latin I*

- Beginning Latin II*
- Medical Terms from Greek and Latin

Communications Studies

- Listening
- Interpersonal Communication
- Advanced Interpersonal Communication
- American Sign Language
- Business and Professional Communication
- Interview and Discussion for Business and Professions
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Argumentation and Debate*
- Discussion and Group Methods
- Advanced Topics in Small Group Discussion
- Persuasion
- Nonverbal Communication
- Organizational Communication
- Health Communication
- Health Provider-Consumer Communication
- Family Communication
- Communication and Conflict
- Intercultural Communication
- Personal Career Planning

Computer Science

- Programming Concepts
- Data Analysis Using Spreadsheets
- Introduction to Databases
- Introduction to Web Design
- Web Programming
- Introduction to Multimedia Programming

Computer Technology

- Using a Personal Computer
- Computer Information Systems Fundamentals
- Internet Skills
- Web Site Design
- Quantitative Analysis
- Problem Solving and Programming
- Using a Database Management System

Criminal Justice

- The American Criminal Justice System
- Evidence
- Murder in America
- The Juvenile Justice System
- Criminal Investigation
- The Criminal Courts
- Introduction to Criminalistics
- Introduction to American Law Enforcement
- Introduction to Corrections
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Crime and Public Policy
- Corrections in the Community
- Police in the Community

Economics

- Current Economic Topics
- Survey of Current Economic Issues and Problems
- Urban Economics
- Health Economics
- Economics of the Labor Market

Education

- Infant Learning Environments
- Play as Development
- Classroom Learning Environments
- Examining Self as a Teacher
- Introduction to Exceptional Children

- Introduction to Mental Retardation
- Education of Children with Learning Problems (LD or MiMH)
- Introduction to Learning Disabilities
- Management of Academic and Social Behavior
- Job Search Strategies for Educators
- Student Commonality and Diversity
- General Educational Psychology
- Educational Psychology for Elementary Teachers
- Educational Psychology for Middle and Secondary School Teachers
- Life Span Development
- Applied Cognitive and Learning Strategies
- Childhood Socialization
- Research in Educational Psychology
- Leadership Training
- Life Planning
- Community Development
- The Undergraduate Student Personnel Assistant
- Psycholinguistics for Teachers of Reading

English

- Language Awareness
- Social Speech Patterns
- Popular Culture
- Studies in Popular Literature and Mass Media
- Children's Literature
- Literature for Adolescents
- The English Language*
- Twentieth-Century American Fiction
- Black American Writing
- American Ethnic and Minority Literature
- English Grammar Review
- Professional Writing Skills
- Writing in Context*
- Writing in the Arts and Sciences
- Business and Administrative Writing
- Business Correspondence
- Theories and Practices of Editing

Geography

- Introduction to Human Geography
- World Geography
- Global Environmental Change
- Human Impact on Environment
- Urban Geography
- Environmental Conservation

Geology

- Environmental Geology
- Environmental Problems
- Introduction to Oceanography

History

- Origins of Modern America
- American Urban History
- History of Black Americans
- History of Mexico
- Sex Roles and Society in American History

Journalism

- Writing for Publication
- Reporting, Writing, and Editing
- Visual Communication
- Introduction to Public Relations
- Feature Writing
- Principles of Creative Advertising
- Retail and Direct Advertising
- Problems in Advertising
- Public Opinion

Labor Studies

- Survey of Labor and Collective Bargaining
- Contemporary Labor Problems
- Labor and Society
- Survey of Employment Law
- Workplace Discrimination and Fair Employment
- Grievance Representation
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Collective Bargaining
- Leadership and Representation
- Class, Race, Gender, and Work

Mathematics

- Algebra*
- Finite Mathematics*
- Brief Survey of Calculus
- Elementary Concepts of Mathematics*
- Elementary Statistical Methods I and II
- Introductory Probability

Military Science

- Introduction to Leadership
- Self/Team Development
- Leadership Challenges and Goal Setting
- Leading Small Organizations

Music

- Introduction to Music Fundamentals
- Music for the Listener
- History of Rock 'n' Roll Music
- Special Topics in Popular Music

New Media

- Introduction to Digital Media Principles
- Topics in Interactive Multimedia
- Introduction to Computer Simulation/Animation
- Team Building in Technology
- Game Design, Development, and Production

Nutrition and Dietetics

- Nutrition and Exercise
- Nutritional Sciences and Health
- Diet Therapy

Organizational Leadership and Supervision

- Supervisory Leadership
- Human Behavior in Organizations
- Ethical Decisions in Leadership
- Applied Leadership
- Leadership for a Global Workforce
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Personnel Law
- Supervisory Management
- Training Methods
- Personnel Supervision
- Labor Relations
- Human Resource Management
- Survival Skills in Organizational Careers
- Gender and Diversity in Management
- Compensation Planning and Management
- Staffing Organizations

Philosophy

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Logic*
- Ethics
- Epistemology
- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Human Nature
- Social Philosophy
- Philosophy of Science
- Philosophy and Culture

Physical Education

- Human Sexuality
- Marriage and Family Interaction
- First Aid and Emergency Care
- Principles and Applications of Lifestyle Wellness
- Drug Use in American Society
- Personal Health
- Self-Defense
- Healing Art of Yoga
- Weight Loss and Exercise
- Human Nutrition
- Current Trends in Nutrition
- Health Problems in the Community
- Organization of Health Education
- Community Health Education
- Introduction to Sport Psychology
- Motor Learning
- Introduction to Community Recreation
- Dynamics of Camp Leadership (Wisconsin)

Physics

- Our Physical Environment
- General Physics I
- General Physics II

Political Science

- Principles of Political Science
- Introduction to American Politics
- Contemporary Political Topics
- Introduction to Law
- Introduction to Public Policy
- Introduction to International Relations
- Family Law for Paralegals
- Urban Politics
- Political Behavior
- Voting, Elections, and Public Opinion
- Judicial Politics
- The Media and Politics
- Latin American Politics
- Middle Eastern Politics
- Political Decision Making
- Public Policy Analysis

Public Affairs

- Urban Problems and Solutions
- Introduction to Public Affairs
- Career Development
- Personal Career Planning
- Managing Behavior in Public Organizations
- Managing Workforce Diversity
- Social Policy and the Aging
- Community Development
- Interpersonal Relations in the Workplace
- Community Development Workshop

Public Health

- Contemporary Health Issues
- Health Systems Administration
- Principles of Epidemiology
- Community Health Education
- Human Resource Management in Health Care Facilities
- Long Term Care Administration
- Health Care Marketing
- Legal Aspects of Health Care Administration
- Managed Care

Religious Studies

- Introduction to Religion
- American Religion
- Comparative Religion
- Religion and Imagination
- Religions, Ethics, and Values

- Ethics of World Religions
- Religion and American Ideas
- Varieties of American Religion
- Religion and Contemporary Thought
- Hinduism and Buddhism
- Religion, Ethics, and U.S. Society
- Religions, Ethics, and Health
- Comparative Religious Ethics

Sociology

- Introduction to Sociology
- Social Problems
- The Family
- Social Psychology
- Alienation and Anxiety in Modern Society
- Deviance and Social Control
- AIDS and Society
- Society and Public Opinion
- Sexuality and Society
- Women and Health
- Gender and Society
- Sociology of Death and Dying
- Urban Sociology
- Community
- Juvenile Delinquency and Society
- Crime and Society
- Control of Crime
- Practicum in Victimology
- Social Factors in Health and Illness
- Social Organization of Health Care
- Alcohol and Society
- Sociology of Disability
- Gender and Work
- Families and Social Policy
- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Inequality and Society
- Social Change
- Social Movements
- Sociology and Social Policy
- Sociology of Mental Health

Social Work

- Introduction to Social Work
- Understanding Diversity in a Pluralistic Society
- Introduction to Case Management
- Working with Families
- Family Life Education
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment I: Individual Functioning
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment II: Small Group Functioning
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment III: Community and Organizational Functioning
- Crisis Intervention
- Social Service Delivery Systems
- Social Work Research

Spanish

- Beginning Spanish
- Second Year Spanish
- Spanish for Health Care Personnel
- Spanish in the Business World
- Latin American Culture and Civilization

Classes marked with an asterisk (*) provide valuable preparation for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

Classes marked with two asterisks (**) are not contained in the current bulletin.