**Complementary Minors to the Psychology Major**

A minor can be beneficial for a variety of reasons: (1) it allows students to get better acquainted with another discipline, (2) provides another look into psychology from a different angle, (3) to meet graduation unit requirements. The minors listed below are ones that further train students to work with people and those that may be more helpful for students interested in industrial/organizational psychology, research, and the helping professions.

Some things to keep in mind with a minor:

* You must have a grade point average of 2.0 in the courses required for your minor (including transfer courses) in order to be awarded the minor at graduation.
* Courses in the minor may not be used for the major. However, courses in the minor can be used to satisfy preparation for the major and General Education requirements.
* A minimum of six upper division units must be completed at San Diego State University.
* Credit/No Credit courses may not be used for upper division minor courses unless they are only offered as Credit/No Credit.
* Courses numbered 296, 496, or 596 may not be used for the minor without permission from the department chair.

**Biology:** 16-22 units

The Biology department offers a minor in General Biology, along with optional emphases in 5 areas (Cellular and Molecular Biology, Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, Marine Biology, and Plant Biology). The courses allow students to conduct innovative and relevant research in the interrelated fields of biology, teach and disseminate information about concepts and processes that inform our understanding of the living world, and use our knowledge, skills, and expertise to make a positive impact on both society and nature.

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**Business:** 18-24 units

The Fowler College of Business offers 8 different minors: Accounting, Business Administration (general), Entrepreneurship, Finance, Information Systems, Management, Marketing, and Real Estate. Obtaining a minor in Business Administration provides a general overview of business, while the specialized minors are intended to give students a structured introduction to a specific area of Business Administration. It is a good option for students whose career plans include self-employment or small business management.

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**Child Development:** 19 units

The courses in this minor help prepare students to become early childhood educators and professionals who work with children, families, schools, and communities. The focus of the department is on the study of social-emotional development as the underlying foundation for all other areas of development including physical, cognitive, motor, and language.

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**Communication:** 21 units

Students minoring in Communication learn about the different ways in which communication has been conceptualized and investigated, as well as the ways in which members of the communication discipline have used their knowledge and scholarship to engage a variety of social problems. Students are given opportunities to study how effective communication enhances well-being and relationships, promotes civic engagement, and allows for effective participation in a global community.

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**Counseling and Social Change:** 18 units

The focus of this minor is to facilitate individual, group, and systems change in diverse social contexts. The courses introduce students to skills and concepts used to understand and create such change, and to professional career paths, such as school and community counseling, clinical psychology, social work, family therapy, and school psychology. The minor provides immersion in theory and experience-based practice.

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**Gerontology:** 18 units

The curriculum of this minor is designed to combine two basic kinds of expertise: (1) increased knowledge of the physiological, psychological, and sociological processes of aging, and (2) the development of in-service skills to address the social needs which accompany these processes.

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**Leadership Development:** 15 units

In this minor, students explore a variety of leadership theories and foster critical thinking related to leadership styles and practices. Central to the minor is increasing students’ self-awareness through the exploration of strengths, values, beliefs, culture, and identity. The curriculum considers ethical approaches to leadership, relational leadership, and a social change perspective.

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Website: <http://go.sdsu.edu/education/arpe/leadership-minor.aspx>

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies:** 15 units

LGBT Studies is an interdisciplinary program, not affiliated with any one department. This minor prepares students for a large variety of careers. Students can work in LGBT non-profit agencies, law, local and national politics, health care settings, counseling centers, journalism, news media, theatre, film, fine arts, and education. Most jobs and careers today welcome and benefit from employees with expertise in diversity, including knowledge and experience on LBGTQ issues.

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Website: <http://lgbt.sdsu.edu/minor.html>

**Public Administration:** 21 units

The primary purpose of the public administration program is to provide knowledge and skills for students who wish to prepare themselves for management careers in government, community agencies, private non-profit organizations, planning and consulting firms and private sector organizations that work in partnership with the public sector.

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**Religious Studies:** 15 units

A minor in Religious Studies offers a way to combine your major interests with the academic study of religion. Anyone who is interested in the beliefs, behavior, and values of other people would benefit from this minor.

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**Social Work:** 24 units

Social work is deeply committed to the relief of human distress and inequality, and to the assistance of people in the meeting of their social, psychological, and economic needs.

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**Sociology:** 18 units

A minor in Sociology is a useful accompaniment to many majors on campus because we all live in a socially organized society and engage in daily social interaction.

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**Statistics:** 15 units

Statistics is the field at the heart of the scientific method of discovery. Statistical principles are used in designing experiments and surveys to collect information. Statistical procedures are applied to summarize information, draw conclusions, and make decisions. This minor includes a combination of courses in applied statistical methods, computer-oriented data analysis, probability, and mathematical statistics, which can be tailored to a student’s major, academic, or professional interests.

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**Women’s Studies:** 18 units

Women’s Studies explores who women were, who women are, and who they might be. It also investigates how women’s lives and relationships are affected by society’s values, traditions, and institutions. Content areas include concepts of self and family, theories of sex differences, history, cultural contributions, and the study of society’s institutions. The emphasis is on developing critical analytical skills while increasing the awareness of objective conditions in women’s lives throughout the world.

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