

WU Psych Department – Guide to the Major

(“Old Gen Ed” – general education prior to AY2019-20)

Welcome to the Psych major! Below, you will find a list of the requirements for completing the major, along with some key issues to keep in mind for schedule planning. If you have questions, please discuss them with your advisor.

Introductory Course in Psychology (4 credits total)

PSY210 – Introduction to Psychology (4 credits) -- may be waived with score of 4 or higher on AP Psych exam or 5 or higher on IB Psych exam

Breadth Requirement: One course in each of four “categories” (16 credits total)

Clinical / Applied Psych

(choose 1 course – 4 credits)

PSY342 – Clinical Psychology
(PSY310 before S '21)
PSY321 – Psych for Sustainability
PSY335 – Adult Psychopathology
PSY337 – Abnormal Psych:
Child/Adolescent
*PSY354 – Psych of Women &
Gender (prior to F16 only)
PSY360 – Psych & Law
PSY370.A – Topical Course
(PSY370.A is used for
additional courses in
this category. Specific
course titles may vary.)

Biological and Psychophysical Processes

(choose 1 course – 4 credits)

PSY345 – Biopsychology
PSY351 – Sensation & Perception
PSY355 – Cognitive Neuroscience
PSY370.B – Topical Course
(PSY370.B is used for
additional courses in
this category. Specific
course titles may vary.)

Learning & Cognitive Processes

(choose 1 course – 4 credits)

PSY340 – Psych of Learning
PSY344 – Animal Cog & Behavior
PSY350 – Cognitive Processes
PSY370.C – Topical Course
(PSY370.C is used for
additional courses in
this category. Specific
course titles may vary.)

Developmental & Personality / Social Psych

(choose 1 course – 4 credits)

PSY330 – Developmental Psych:
Lifespan
PSY331 – Developmental Psych:
Adolescence
PSY332 – Personality Psych
PSY336 – Social Psych
*PSY354 – Psych of Women &
Gender (after F16 only)
PSY370.D – Topical Course
(PSY370.D is used for
additional courses in
this category. Specific
course titles may vary.)

Note: You can complete the categories in any order you wish. The breadth requirement is typically fulfilled concurrently with the Research Methods requirement (see below). Many students finish the breadth requirement during the senior year.

Research Methods & Analysis Sequence (8 credits total)

PSY252W – Research Methods & Analysis I (4 credits; must pass with C- or better to continue to PSY253; cannot be attempted more than 2x)
 PSY253 – Research Methods & Analysis II (4 credits)

Note: PSY253 must be completed before you begin your senior internship. If you are interested in a summer internship, you should complete PSY253 no later than spring of your junior year.

Senior Experience & Advanced Seminar Course (12 credits total)

PSY310 – Professional and Career Planning in Psychology I (2 credits)

Taken **spring of your junior year or spring of sophomore year** if you plan to study abroad in spring of junior year. (Old naming and numbering: PSYC 300 – Internship Orientation.)

PSY410 – Professional and Career Planning in Psychology II (2 credits)

Taken **fall of your senior year**.

PSY497 **OR** PSY498 – Research **or** Field Senior Internship in Psychology (4 credits)

This course is offered annually in the fall. You will take it fall of your **senior year**. The course includes a minimum of 168 hours in a research lab on campus (PSYC 497: research interns) or service in a field site in the local community (PSYC 498: field interns) See department web page for more details.

PSY431W – Topical Seminar in Psych (4 credits)

Each year, faculty offer small topical senior seminars. Plan to take one of the PSY431W offerings in fall or spring of your **senior year** (some students may take the course as a junior). PSY252 is required prior to taking the seminar. The seminar will be largely discussion-based, and you will write a major scholarly paper in this course.

Important Notes:

- In addition to the PSYC courses above, majors must complete one natural science (NS) course outside of psychology.
- If planning study abroad, it's best to go prior to spring of junior year (to allow PSYC 310 enrollment & timely pre-req completion).
- Of the 124 credits required for graduation, at least 76 must be from outside of psychology (note that because PSYC 497 and PSYC 498 are internship credits, either can count toward this 76 outside of psychology!). Because there are 36 other credits from PSYC-prefix courses required in the psychology major, this means that you can take three additional 4-credit PSYC courses and have them count toward your 124 required credits for graduation.

8-Semester Schedule Planning

1st Year

FALL

SPRING

2nd Year

FALL

SPRING

3rd Year

FALL

SPRING

PSYC 310 (2 credits; or spring 2nd yr.)

4th Year

FALL

PSYC 497 or PSYC 498 (4 credits)

PSYC 410 (2 credits)

SPRING

General Education Requirements – “old gen ed,” for students matriculating F18 and prior

(see online university resources for details)

- College Colloquium:
- 3 Writing Centered Courses (at least one must be at 300- or 400- level):
 - In major (PSY252W fulfills)
 - Out of Major
 - Your choice (PSY431W fulfills)
- 2 Quant / Analytic:
 - QA* (PSY252W fulfills)
 - QA* or QA course (PSY253 fulfills)
- Non-English language requirement (multiple ways to satisfy; see online university resources for details)
- 6 MOIs

<input type="checkbox"/> Nat'l World	<input type="checkbox"/> Creating Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Examining Values (Prior to F14, this is “AARV”)
<input type="checkbox"/> Think Historically	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpret Texts	<input type="checkbox"/> Understand Society (PSY210 fulfills <u>starting in F14</u>)

Psych Major Requirements (see previous page for details)

- Intro Psych (4 credits)
- Breadth Requirement (16 credits)

<input type="checkbox"/> Developmental & Social / Personality	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical / Applied
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological / Psychophysical Processes	<input type="checkbox"/> Learning & Cognitive Processes
- Research Methods Sequence (8 credits)

<input type="checkbox"/> Research Methods & Analysis I	<input type="checkbox"/> Research Methods & Analysis II
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- Senior Experiences & Advanced Seminar Course (12 credits)
 - Professional and Career Planning in Psychology I (PSYC 310)
 - Professional and Career Planning in Psychology II (PSYC 410)
 - Senior Research Internship in Psychology (PSYC 497) OR Senior Field Internship in Psychology (PSYC 498)
 - Topical Seminar in Psychology (PSYC 431W)

**** Use your degree audit as the ultimate guide to check which requirements remain to be fulfilled!!! ****