

B.A. in Psychology

(For use by students entering the Psychology major **Fall 2016 or later**)

Keep this advising sheet up-to-date and bring it with you when you meet with your advisor!

I. PSYCHOLOGY (42 cr.)

All courses listed here must have a grade of C- or better. Grades of D- to D+ can count as free (not PSY!) electives only.

Psychology Core (required):

- PSY100 ____ (Intro Psychology)
 PSY245 ____ (Behavioral Statistics)
 W PSY246 ____ (Research Methods)
 PSY362 ____ (History & Systems)
 PSY400 ____ (Senior Seminar)

Students are strongly encouraged to take PSY245 as early as possible, but **MUST** enroll in it before taking more than 21 hours in psychology courses!

Group A: Biological Bases of Behavior (1)

- PSY255 ____ (Intro Biopsych)
 PSY335 ____ (Animal Behavior)

Group B: Cognition & Learning (1)

- PSY363 ____ (Psych of Learning)
 PSY475 ____ (Cognitive Psych)

Group C: Human Development (1)

- PSY382 ____ (Inf, Child, Adl Dev)
 W PSY384 ____ (Adult Dev)

Group D: Multicultural & Social (1)

- J PSY120 ____ (Multicultural Psych)
 PSY254 ____ (Social Psych)

Group E: Clinical Psychology (1)

- PSY257 ____ (Personality Theories)
 PSY375 ____ (Abnormal Psych)

Group F: Applied Experiences (1)

- PSY265 ____ (Ind/Org Psych)
 PSY266 ____ (Biopsychology Lab)
 PSY336 ____ (Animal Behavior Lab)
 PSY366 ____ (Psych of Learning Lab)
 W PSY376 ____ (Social Psych Lab)
 W PSY476 ____ (Cognitive Psych Lab)
 PSY410 ____ (Research)
 PSY441 ____ (Field Experience I)
 PSY442 ____ (Field Experience II)
 J PSY448 ____ (Field Experience III)
 J PSY449 ____ (Field Experience IV)

Psychology Electives: Choose an additional three (3) courses from the Psychology Department:

- PSY ____ ____
 PSY ____ ____
 PSY ____ ____

Please note: Any additional PSY courses under Groups A-F may be taken as PSY elective or free elective courses (See reverse side).

II. ACADEMIC FOUNDATIONS (18 cr.)

- WRT120 ____
 Any 200-level WRT course: WRT ____ ____
 *MAT103 or higher: MAT ____ ____
 *One Interdisciplinary (I) course:
 ____ ____
 *One Diverse Communities (J) course:
 ____ ____
 One Com course: SPK208, SPK230 or SPK199: SPK ____ ____

*A single course may now be used to simultaneously fill both the I and J requirements. An I course cannot, however, be used to meet a distributive requirement. A J course may be used to fill a distributive requirement if it is not also an I course. If any courses are used to fill more than one requirement, a minimum of 12 credits of free electives are required.

*MAT 301 or MAT 351 cannot be used to satisfy the MAT academic foundations requirement.

III. GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTIVE COURSES

AN "I" COURSE MAY NOT BE USED TO MEET A DISTRIBUTIVE REQUIREMENT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. DISTRIBUTIVE COURSES TAKEN AT WCU MUST BE SELECTED FROM APPROVED GEN ED DISTRIBUTIVE COURSE LIST (DOES NOT APPLY TO TRANSFER CREDITS)

Arts (3 cr.): Select one 3-credit course from Art, Art History, Music, Music History, Theater, Photography, Dance, or Film:

Course	Grade
_____	_____

Science (6 cr.): Select two courses from: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth/Space Science, or Physics. **Only one course from each discipline.**

Course	Grade
_____	_____

Humanities (6 cr.): Select two courses from the following areas: History, Literature and Philosophy. **Only one course from each discipline.**

Course	Grade
_____	_____

Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 cr.):

Select two courses from: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science or Sociology. **Only one course from each discipline.**

Course	Grade
_____	_____

IV. FOREIGN LANGUAGE (3-15 cr.)

Option 1: Complete one course at the 202 level (or higher).

Option 2: Complete a course at the 102 level and 3 approved culture cluster courses in same language area as your 101 and 102 courses.

- ❖ You may not take more than 2 CC courses with the same department prefix.
- ❖ CC courses cannot simultaneously meet a gen ed distributive requirement.
- ❖ CC courses can simultaneously meet a W, I, and/or J requirement.

Course	Grade
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V. FREE ELECTIVES

Take enough free electives to complete **120 credits** (minimum 9 credit hours). College preparatory courses (e.g., MATQ00, ENGQ20) do NOT count towards graduation. The actual number of free electives required will vary depending upon (among other things) the number of courses the student must take to complete the foreign language requirement.

Course	Grade
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VI. WRITING EMPHASIS (W)

- ❖ Three writing emphasis courses are required.
- ❖ These courses may simultaneously satisfy other degree requirements.
- ❖ Transfer students entering with 40-70 credits need only two of these courses; those entering with more than 70 credits need only one.
- ❖ If taken at WCU, the following courses will simultaneously fulfill both Psychology major and Writing Emphasis requirements: PSY 246, 365, 376, 384, and 476.

At least one course MUST be at the 300-400 level (upper-division).

Course	Grade
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IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL TRANSFER STUDENTS FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES MUST TAKE AT LEAST HALF OF THEIR PSYCHOLOGY CREDITS AT WCU.

Psychology Core Courses, Electives, and Prerequisites

Core Courses:

PSY100 Intro to Psychology	(none)
PSY245 Behavioral Statistics	(Math103 or higher)
PSY246 Research Methods (W)	(PSY245)
PSY362 History & Systems	(PSY100, PHI101 recommended)
PSY400 Senior Seminar	PSY245, 246, and 21 total hours in PSY)

Group A Courses: Biological Bases of Behavior

PSY255 Biopsychology	(PSY100)
PSY335 Animal Behavior	(PSY100)

Related Electives:

PSY230 Intro to Primatology	(PSY100 or ANT101)
PSY266 Biopsychology Lab	(PSY100, PSY245, PSY246, and concurrent enrollment in - or previous completion of - PSY255)
PSY268 Drugs, Behavior and the Brain	(PSY100)
PSY280 Health Psychology	(PSY100)
PSY336 Animal Behavior Lab	(PSY100, PSY245, PSY246, and concurrent enrollment in - or previous completion of - PSY335)
PSY350 Biopsychology of Emotion	(PSY100)
PSY464 Biopsychology Seminar	(PSY100, PSY255, or BIO100, or BIO110)
PSY490 Topical Seminars	(PSY100)
(Permission of instructor recommended)	

Group B Courses: Cognition & Learning

PSY363 Psychology of Learning	(PSY100)
PSY475 Cognitive Psychology	(PSY100)

Related Electives:

PSY327 Applied Behavior Analysis	(PSY100)
PSY366 Learning Lab	PSY100, PSY245, PSY246, and concurrent enrollment in - or previous completion of - PSY363)
PSY470 Sensory & Perception	(PSY100)
PSY476 Cognitive Lab (W)	(PSY100, PSY245, PSY246, and concurrent enrollment in - or previous completion of - PSY475)
PSY490 Topical Seminars	(PSY100)
(Permission of instructor recommended)	

Group C Courses: Development Across the Lifespan

PSY382 Infant/Child/Adolescent Develop	(PSY100)
PSY384 Adult Development (W)	(PSY100)

Related Electives:

PSY210 Developmental Psych: Lifespan	(PSY100)
PSY365 Psych of Women (W)	(PSY100)
PSY430 Human Sexual Behavior	(PSY100)
PSY490 Topical Seminars	(PSY100)
(Permission of instructor recommended)	

Group D Courses: Multicultural & Social Bases of Behavior

PSY120 Multicultural Psychology (J)	(none)
PSY254 Social Psychology	(PSY100)

Related Electives:

PSY200 Positive Psychology	(none)
PSY265 Intro to Industrial/Organizational	(PSY100)
PSY280 Health Psychology	(PSY100)
PSY365 Psych of Women (W)	(PSY100)
PSY376 Social Lab (W)	(PSY100, and concurrent enrollment in - or previous completion of - PSY254)
PSY430 Human Sexual Behavior	(PSY100)
PSY443 Group Processes	(PSY100)
PSY445 Org Development	(PSY100)
PSY447 Interpersonal Relationships	(PSY100)
PSY448/449 Field Experience (J)	(Permission of instructor required)
PSY490 Topical Seminars	(PSY100)
(Permission of instructor recommended)	

Group E Courses: Clinical Psychology

PSY257 Theories of Personality	(PSY100)
PSY375 Abnormal Psychology	(PSY100, PSY257 recommended)

Related Electives:

PSY200 Positive Psychology	(none)
PSY268 Drugs, Behavior and the Brain	(PSY100)
PSY280 Health Psychology	(PSY100)
PSY327 Applied Behavior Analysis	(PSY100)
PSY380 Body Image	(none)
PSY390 Counseling & Psychotherapy	(PSY100, PSY257 or PSY375)
PSY413 Group Interventions	(PSY100)
PSY421 Issues in Autism	(PSY100, PSY327 recommended)
PSY447 Interpersonal Relationships	(PSY100)
PSY481 Eating Disorders	(PSY100, PSY257, or PSY375)
PSY490 Topical Seminars	(PSY100)
(Permission of instructor recommended)	

Group F Courses: Applied Experiences in Psychology

PSY265 Intro to Industrial/Organizational	(PSY100)
PSY266 Biopsychology Lab	(PSY100, PSY245, PSY246, and concurrent enrollment in - or previous completion of - PSY255)
PSY336 Animal Behavior Lab	(PSY100, PSY245, PSY246, and concurrent enrollment in - or previous completion of - PSY335)
PSY366 Learning Lab	(PSY100, PSY245, PSY246, and concurrent enrollment in - or previous completion of - PSY363)
PSY376 Social Lab (W)	(PSY100 and concurrent enrollment in - or previous completion of - PSY254)
PSY476 Cognitive Lab (W)	(PSY100, PSY245, PSY246, and concurrent enrollment in - or previous completion of - PSY475)
PSY410 Research	(PSY100, permission of Chair)
PSY441/442 Field Experience	(PSY100, 21 total hours in PSY, or permission of instructor)
PSY448/449 Field Experience (J)	(Permission of Instructor)