

WU Psych Department – Guide to the Major

("New Gen Ed" – general education beginning AY 2021-22)

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)

PSYC 210 – 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: Two courses in each of two “categories” (16 credits total)

Category A

(choose 2 courses – 8 credits total)

PSYC 330 – Developmental Psychology: Lifespan
PSYC 331 – Developmental Psychology: Adolescence
PSYC 332 – Personality Psychology
PSYC 335 – Adult Psychopathology
PSYC 336 – Social Psychology
PSYC 337 – Abnormal Psychology: Child/Adolescent
PSYC 360 – Psychology & Law
PSYC 370A – Topical Course [Course titles vary]

(PSYC 370A is used for additional courses in Category A.
Formerly designated PSYC 370D courses are also eligible for this category.)

Also includes these courses that are no longer offered:

PSYC 321 – Psychology for Sustainability
PSYC 342 – Clinical Psychology [numbered PSYC 310 prior to spring '21]

Category B

(choose 2 courses – 8 credits total)

PSYC 340 – Psychology of Learning
PSYC 344 – Animal Cognition & Behavior
PSYC 345 – Biopsychology
PSYC 350 – Cognitive Processes
PSYC 351 – Sensation & Perception
PSYC 355 – Cognitive Neuroscience
PSYC 370B – Topical Course [Course titles vary]

(PSYC 370B is used for additional courses in Category B. Formerly designated PSYC 370C courses are also eligible for this category.)

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)

PSYC 252W – Research Methods & Analysis I (4 credits; must pass with C- or better to continue to PSYC 253; cannot attempt more than 2x)
 PSYC 253 – Research Methods & Analysis II (4 credits)

Note: PSYC 253 must be completed before you begin your senior internship. If you are interested in a summer internship, you should complete PSYC 253 no later than spring of your junior year.

Junior/Senior Experience & Advanced Seminar Course (12 credits total)

PSYC 310 – Professional and Career Planning in Psychology I (2 credits)

This course is offered annually in the spring. You should take it **spring of your junior year (or spring of sophomore year if you plan to study abroad in spring of junior year).**

PSYC 410 – Professional and Career Planning in Psychology II (2 credits)

This course is offered annually in the fall. You should take it **fall of your senior year.**

PSYC 497 **or** PSYC 498 – Senior Internship in Psychology (4 credits)

These two courses are offered annually in the fall. You will take one of them fall of your senior year. Courses include a minimum of 168 hours of research in a lab on campus (research interns: **PSYC 497**) or service at a field site in the local community (field interns: **PSYC 498**). See department web page for more details.

PSYC 431W – Topical Seminar in Psychology (4 credits)

Each year, faculty offer small topical senior seminars. Plan to take one of the PSYC 431W offerings in **fall or spring of senior year** (some students may take the course as a junior). PSYC 252W is required prior to taking the seminar. The seminar will be 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 - “New Gen Ed,” for students matriculating F21 and after

(see online university resources for details – this is the new gen ed program starting F21)

- College Colloquium (4 credits)
- Liberal Arts Distribution (20 credits; only 1 PSYC course can be used here; PSYC 210 can be used for NS or SS)
 - Natural Science (NS; 4 credits)
 - Social Sciences (SS; 4 credits)
 - Arts & Humanities (AH; **8** credits)
 - Mathematical Science (MS; 4 credits)
- 2 Writing Centered Courses (8 credits):
 - Lower-division course (100-299 level; PSYC 252W fulfills)
 - Upper-division writing course (300-499 level; PSYC 431W fulfills)
- World Engagement (16 credits)
 - Foundation Language (proficiency or completion of 8 credits: through 132 of chosen non-English language)
 - World Engagement Electives – 8 credits required (multiple ways to satisfy – see online resources for details)
- Power, Diversity and Equity (4 credits)

Psych Major Requirements (see previous page for details)

- Intro Psych (4 credits)
- Breadth Requirement (16 credits)
 - one course in Category A a second course in Category A
 - one course in Category B a second course in Category B
- Research Methods Sequence (8 credits)
 - Research Methods & Analysis I Research Methods & Analysis II
- Junior/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!!! **