Psychology B.A.

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GENERAL EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

General Education Foundations

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<th>F1 - Composition &amp; Rhetoric</th>
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<td>F7 - Global Studies &amp; Diversity</td>
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<td>F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)</td>
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Total Hours 31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete WVU General Education Foundations requirements, College B.A. requirements, major requirements, and electives to total a minimum of 120 hours. For complete details on these requirements, visit the B.A. Degrees tab on the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences page.

Departmental Requirements for the B.A. in Psychology

Students may not earn both a B.A. and a B.S. in Psychology. All students wishing to complete a B.A. must comply with the following:

• **Capstone Requirement:** The university requires the successful completion of a Capstone course: PSYC 490A, PSYC 491A, PSYC 495A, or PSYC 498A.

• **Writing and communication Skills Requirement:** The Psychology Bachelor of Arts is a SpeakWrite Certified Program™. SpeakWrite Certified programs incorporate and develop students’ written, verbal, visual, and mediated communication skills across the curriculum.

• **Calculation of the GPA in the Major:** Students must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Students must also earn an overall cumulative 2.0 GPA in all courses with a PSYC designation, and a grade of C- or better in PSYC 101 and PSYC 203. If a course is repeated, all attempts will be included in the calculation of the GPA unless the course is eligible for a D/F repeat.

• **Note:** Students are required to have completed college algebra or a higher MATH course in order to register for PSYC 203.

• **Residence requirement:** To graduate from WVU with a major in Psychology, a student must have successfully completed (with a passing grade) a minimum of 10 credit hours of 300- and 400-level psychology coursework at WVU, not including PSYC 490, 491, 495, 498. Online courses taught by WVU may be counted toward the 10 credit hours of coursework at WVU.

• **Benchmark Expectations:** For details, go to the Psychology admissions tab (http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/eberlycollegeofartsandsciences/psychology/#admissionstext).

Curriculum Requirements

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GEF Requirements (number of credits may vary based on overlap)
### ECAS B.A. Requirements
- Foreign Language
- Fine Arts Requirement
- Global Studies & Diversity Requirement

### DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

#### Foundation Courses
- **PSYC 101** Introduction to Psychology (minimum grade of C-)
- **PSYC 203** Research Methods & Analysis 1 (minimum grade of C-)
- **PSYC 204** Research Methods & Analysis 2
- **PSYC 301** Biological Foundations of Behavior
- **PSYC 302** Behavior Principles

#### Select one course from Cluster A or B

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<td><strong>PSYC 474</strong> Applied Behavior Analysis</td>
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<td><strong>PSYC 427</strong> Psychobiology of Sleep</td>
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<td><strong>PSYC 379</strong> Community Psychology</td>
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### Psychology Electives
- Alternate 300 or 400-level PSYC course excluding PSYC 490, 491, 495, or 498.

### Capstone Course (Select one of the following):

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### GENERAL ELECTIVES
- Number of electives may vary based on overlap

Total Hours: 120
## Suggested Plan of Study

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* Students completing a minor, a second major or dual degree already fulfill F 8.