

# 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.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>General Education Foundations</b>		
F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning		3-4
F4 - Society & Connections		3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past		3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity		3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity		3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)		9
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 486, PSYC 487, 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 Major GPA:** A minimum GPA of a 2.0 is required in all courses applied to major requirements, with a minimum grade of C- in PSYC 101, PSYC 203, PSYC 204, as well as a minimum of C- in either PSYC 301 or PSYC 302. 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.
- **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. Completion of the following courses does NOT count towards the residency requirement: PSYC 304, PSYC 315, PSYC 490, PSYC 491, PSYC 495, PSYC 497, and PSYC 498.
- **Benchmark Expectations:** For details, go to the Psychology Degree Progress tab (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/eberlycollegeofartsandsciences/psychology/#degreeprogresstext>).

## Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	University Requirements	76
	ECAS B.A. Requirements	6

Psychology Major Requirements	38
Total Hours	120

## University Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations (GEF) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (31-37 Credits)		
Outstanding GEF Requirements 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8		27
PSYC 191	First-Year Seminar	1
General Electives		48
Total Hours		76

## ECAS Bachelor of Arts Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Fine Arts Requirement		3
Global Studies and Diversity Requirement		3
Total Hours		6

## Psychology Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Foundation Courses</b>		<b>17</b>
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	
PSYC 203 & 203L	Research Methods and Analysis 1 and Research Methods and Analysis 1 Laboratory	
PSYC 204 & 204L	Research Methods and Analysis 2 and Research Methods and Analysis 2 Laboratory	
PSYC 301 & 301L	Biological Foundations of Behavior and Biological Foundations of Behavior Laboratory	
PSYC 302 & 302L	Behavior Principles and Behavior Principles Laboratory	
<b>Select one course from Cluster A or B</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Cluster A: Learning and Cognition:</b>		
PSYC 402	Advanced Behavior Principles	
PSYC 423	Cognition and Memory	
PSYC 424	Learning and Behavior Theory	
PSYC 474	Applied Behavior Analysis	
<b>Cluster B: Biological Bases of Behavior</b>		
PSYC 425	Perception	
PSYC 426	Physiological Psychology	
PSYC 427	Neuroscience of Sleep	
PSYC 428	Hormones and Behavior	
PSYC 429	Clinical Neuroscience	
<b>Cluster C: Clinical and Individual Differences (Select one):</b>		<b>3</b>
PSYC 281	Introduction to Psychological Disorders	
PSYC 362	Psychological Assessment	
PSYC 363	Personality Theory	
PSYC 364	Psychology of Adjustment	
PSYC 365	Forensic Psychology	
PSYC 367	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	
PSYC 380	Health Psychology	
PSYC 382	Exceptional Children	
<b>Cluster D: Developmental Psychology (Select one):</b>		<b>3</b>
PSYC 241	Introduction to Human Development	

PSYC 341	Child Development	
PSYC 342	Prenatal and Infant Development	
PSYC 343	Child and Adolescent Development	
PSYC 344	Adolescent Development	
PSYC 345	Adulthood and Aging	
<b>Cluster E: Social Processes (Select one):</b>		<b>3</b>
PSYC 231	Leadership and Human Relations	
PSYC 232	Sex Roles and Behavior	
PSYC 251	Introduction to Social Psychology	
PSYC 332	Multiculturalism in Psychology	
PSYC 351	Topics in Social Psychology	
PSYC 368	Ethics and Practice in Behavior Analysis	
PSYC 370	Emotions and Mood	
PSYC 379	Community Psychology	
<b>Psychology Electives</b>		<b>6</b>
Alternate 300 or 400-level PSYC course *		
<b>Capstone Course (Select one of the following):</b>		<b>3</b>
PSYC 486	Behavior Analysis Field Experience Capstone	
PSYC 487	Behavior Analysis Research Experience	
PSYC 490A	Teaching Practicum	
PSYC 491A	Professional Field Experience	
PSYC 495A	Independent Study	
PSYC 498A	Honors	
Total Hours		38

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Excluding PSYC 304, 315, 490, 491, 495, 497, or 498.

## Suggested Plan of Study

### First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PSYC 191		1 PSYC Cluster D	3
PSYC 101 (GEF 4)		3 ENGL 101 (GEF 1)	3
GEF 3		3 GEF 2	4
GEF 5		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	2
General Elective		2	
		15	15

### Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PSYC 203 & 203L		3 PSYC 204 & 204L	3
PSYC Cluster E		3 PSYC Cluster C	3
ENGL 102 (GEF 1)		3 GEF 8*	3
ECAS Global Studies & Diversity Requirement (GEF 7)		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		15	15

### Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PSYC 302 & 302L		4 PSYC 301 & 301L	4
ECAS Fine Arts Requirement (GEF 6)		3 GEF 8*	3
GEF 8*		3 General Elective	3

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General Elective	3 General Elective	3
General Elective	2 General Elective	2
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	15	15

#### Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PSYC Cluster A/B		3 PSYC Capstone	3
PSYC Upper-Division Elective		3 PSYC Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
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	15		15

Total credit hours: 120

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

## Major Learning Outcomes

### PSYCHOLOGY

Upon successful completion of the B.A. or B.S. degree, **Psychology** majors will be able to:

1. Describe the central principles, facts, concepts, and theories of major areas of psychology (i.e., Behavior Analysis, Behavioral Neuroscience, Clinical, Developmental) including: Theory, Content, and Research Methods. Students will also be able to describe advanced principles.
2. Demonstrate critical thinking, by applying scientific principles of psychology to analyze and solve basic and applied problems.
3. Create, evaluate, and revise text (oral, written) that effectively communicates information using APA format.