

Psychology, B.S.

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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
General Education Foundations		
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.S. requirements, major requirements, and electives to total a minimum of 120 hours. For complete details on these requirements, visit the B.S. Degrees tab on the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences page (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/eberlycollegeofartsandsciences/#bachelorofsciencetext>).

Departmental Requirements for the B.S. in Psychology

Students may not earn both a B.A. and a B.S. in Psychology. Students wishing to graduate with a B.S. in Psychology 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 Science 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 a 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/#degreeprogress>).

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	University Requirements	71
	ECAS B.S. Requirements	11
	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, 5, 6, 7, and 8	31
PSYC 191	First-Year Seminar	1
	General Electives	39
Total Hours		71

ECAS Bachelor of Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	Global Studies & Diversity Requirement	
	Mathematics Requirement:	3
	Select one of the following:	
MATH 150	Applied Calculus	
MATH 153 & MATH 154	Calculus 1a with Precalculus and Calculus 1b with Precalculus	
MATH 155	Calculus 1	
	Science Requirement:	8
	Please see the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences' Bachelor of Science (B.S.) tab.	
Total Hours		11

Psychology Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundation Courses		17
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	
Select one course from Cluster A or B:		3
Cluster A: Learning and Cognition		
PSYC 402	Advanced Behavior Principles	
PSYC 423	Cognition and Memory	
PSYC 424	Learning and Behavior Theory	
PSYC 474	Applied Behavior Analysis	
Cluster B: Biological Bases of Behavior		
PSYC 425	Perception	
PSYC 426	Physiological Psychology	
PSYC 427	Neuroscience of Sleep	
PSYC 428	Hormones and Behavior	
PSYC 429	Clinical Neuroscience	

Cluster C: Clinical and Individual Differences (Select one): 3

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

Cluster D: Developmental Psychology (Select one): 3

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

Cluster E: Social Processes (Select one): 3

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

Upper-Division Psychology Electives: 6

Alternate 300- or 400-level PSYC courses *

Capstone Course (Select one of the following:) 3

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, and 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
MATH 155 (GEF 3)		4 GEF 8 (B.S. First Area 2)	4
GEF 2 (B.S. First Area 1)		4 GEF 6	3
GEF 5		3 General Elective	2
		15	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PSYC 203 & 203L		3 PSYC 204 & 204L	3
PSYC Cluster C		3 PSYC Cluster E	3

ENGL 102 (GEF 1)		3 GEF 8 (B.S. Second Area 2)	4
GEF 8 (B.S. Second Area 1)		4 General Elective	3
General Elective		2 General Elective	2
		15	15
Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PSYC 301 & 301L		4 PSYC 302 & 302L	4
PSYC Upper-Division Elective		3 B.S. Third Area 2	4
B.S. Third Area 1		4 ECAS Global Studies & Diversity Requirement (GEF 7)	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		1 General Elective	1
		15	15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PSYC Cluster A/B		3 General Elective	3
PSYC Upper-Division Elective		3 General Elective	3
Capstone		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		15	15

Total credit hours: 120

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.