

Psychology, B.A.

Degree Offered

- Bachelor of Arts

Nature of the Program

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology has an emphasis in human behavior and counseling. It is broadly conceived and designed to prepare students for a variety of careers. Among the notable features of the program are a course in research methods with an emphasis in behavior analysis and adjustment in a laboratory setting, a field experience option that allows students to earn credits for placement in a public or private enterprise for professional competence development, and a capstone course that integrates methodology, research, and writing in the discipline. The combination of coursework and field experience will permit students to achieve professional certification necessary to work with special needs children.

Graduates of the program will be prepared to enter careers in applied mental health or organizational settings. Some examples of career options include education, children and youth behavioral services, adult behavioral services, counseling, corrections, health-care related occupations, and other fields. Psychology majors may also pursue advanced degrees in graduate or professional schools.

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.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	University Requirements	60
	Program Requirements	20
	Psychology Major Requirements	40
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, 5, 6 and 7	15
WVUE 191	First Year Seminar	1

General Electives	44
Total Hours	60

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GEF 8)	3
MATH 124	Algebra with Applications (or higher, GEF 3)	3
WRIT 305	Technical Writing	3
Select either the BIOL 111/BIOL 112 or CHEM 115/CHEM 116 science sequence:		8
BIOL 111	General Biology (GEF 2)	
BIOL 112	General Biology (GEF 8)	
or		
CHEM 115 & 115L	Fundamentals of Chemistry 1 and Fundamentals of Chemistry 1 Laboratory (GEF 2)	
CHEM 116 & 116L	Fundamentals of Chemistry 2 and Fundamentals of Chemistry 2 Laboratory (GEF 8)	
Select one of the following Public Speaking courses:		3
COMM 102	Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication (GEF 8)	
COMM 104	Fundamentals of Public Communication (GEF 8)	
MDS 270	Effective Public Speaking (GEF 8)	
Total Hours		20

Psychology Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
A cumulative 2.0 GPA in PSYC Major courses.		
Psychology Core: (C or better required in Core courses)		18
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEF 4)	
PSYC 201	Psychology as a Profession	
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	
Cluster A/B (Behavior, Biological Bases and Cognition) - Select one of the following:		3
PSYC 402	Advanced Behavior Principles	
PSYC 424	Learning and Behavior Theory	
PSYC 474	Applied Behavior Analysis	
Cluster C (Clinical and Individual Differences) - Select one of the following:		3
PSYC 281	Introduction to Psychological Disorders	
PSYC 362	Psychological Assessment	
PSYC 363	Personality Theory	
PSYC 365	Forensic Psychology	
PSYC 367	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	
PSYC 382	Exceptional Children	
Cluster D (Developmental Psychology) - Select one of the following:		3
PSYC 241	Introduction to Human Development	
Cluster E (Social Processes) - Select one of the following:		3
PSYC 350	Topics in Social Psychology	
PSYC 368	Ethics and Practice in Behavior Analysis	

Psychology Capstone Requirements:	4
PSYC 401 Psychology Capstone Experience	
Select one of the following:	
PSYC 491 Professional Field Experience	
PSYC 493 Special Topics	
PSYC 495 Independent Study	
PSYC 497 Research	
Psychology Electives (6 hours, at 300 or 400 level) *	6
Total Hours	40

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Psychology Elective courses cannot have been applied to the Clusters above, nor is PSYC 304 an allowed elective for PSYC Majors.

Suggested Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 101 (GEF 1)		3 ENGL 102 (GEF 1)	3
WVUE 191		1 MATH 124	3
PSYC 101 (GEF 4)		3 PSYC 201	1
SOC 101		3 Cluster D course (Developmental Psych.)	3
GEF 5 - Human Inquiry & the Past		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		16	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 111 or CHEM 115 and CHEM 115L (GEF 2)		4 BIOL 112 or CHEM 116 and CHEM 116L (GEF 8)	4
PSYC 203 & 203L		3 PSYC 204 & 204L	3
WRIT 305		3 GEF 6 - Arts & Creativity	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		16	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PSYC 301 & 301L		4 Cluster A/B course (Behavior, Biological Bases & Cognition)	3
PSYC 302 & 302L		4 Cluster E course (Social Processes)	3
Cluster C course (Clinical & Individual Differences)		3 Select one of the following Public Speaking courses:	3
General Elective		3 COMM 102	
		COMM 104	
		MDS 270	
		General Elective	3
		General Elective	3
		14	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PSYC 401		1 PSYC Elective (300 or 400 level)	3
Select one of the following:		3 General Elective	3
PSYC 491		General Elective	3
PSYC 493		General Elective	3
PSYC 495		General Elective	2
PSYC 497			

PSYC Elective (300 or 400 level)	3	
GEF 7 - Global Studies & Diversity	3	
General Elective	3	
	13	14

Total credit hours: 120

Major Learning Outcomes

PSYCHOLOGY

Students completing the program will:

- Summarize key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology
- Assess and apply psychological concepts to real-world practices
- Engage in integrative thinking and problem solving
- Interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research
- Interpret psychological phenomena using scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate effective writing skills
- Exhibit effective presentation skills
- Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice
- Develop and use effective team-working skills