

# PSYCHOLOGY-BA OR BS

THIS IS A GENERAL CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

<b>Psychology Major (36 credits)</b>		
<b>Required Core Courses (12 credits)</b>		
<p>— <b>PSY 101 Introductory Psychology (3)</b></p> <p>— <b>PSY 300 SWS Research Methods in Psychology (3)</b></p> <p>Prerequisites: PSY 101 or HNR 234, and STA 215 or STA 312, and WRT 150</p>	<p>— <b>PSY 400 Advanced Research in Psychology (3)</b></p> <p>Prerequisites: PSY 101, PSY 300, and a course in relevant content area or permission of instructor</p> <p>— <b>PSY 492 Advanced General Capstone (3)</b></p> <p>Prerequisite: PSY 300 and senior standing and a major in Psychology or Behavioral Neuroscience</p>	
<b>Category Requirements (18 credits)</b>		
<p>Choose one course from each of the following six categories; prerequisite for all courses: PSY 101 or HNR 234 unless otherwise noted</p>		
<p>— <b>Biological</b> _____ (3)</p> <p>PSY 330 Fdns of Behavioral Neuroscience PSY 375 Comparative Psychology PSY 431 Introduction to Neuropsychology Prerequisites: PSY 101 or HNR 234, and one of PSY 300, BMS 301, CJ 300, PLS 300, NUR 435, SW 430 PSY 432 Psychopharmacology Prerequisite: PSY 101 or HNR 234, and one of PSY 300, BMS 301, CJ 300, PLS 300, NUR 435, SW 430</p>	<p>— <b>Developmental</b> _____ (3)</p> <p>PSY 301 Child Development PSY 305 Infant and Early Childhood Development PSY 331 Adolescent Development PSY 364 Life Span Development</p>	<p>— <b>Personality/Clinical</b> _____ (3)</p> <p>PSY 303 Psychopathology PSY 324 Developmental Psychopathology Prerequisite: PSY 301 or PSY 364 PSY 420 Theories of Personality PSY 452 Counseling Theories and Applications</p>
<p>— <b>Social context</b> _____ (3)</p> <p>PSY 355 Psychology and Culture PSY 360 Social Psychology PSY 381 Group Dynamics Prerequisite: PSY 101 or HNR 234 or SOC 101 PSY 445 Industrial/Organizational Psychology</p>	<p>— <b>Cognitive</b> _____ (3)</p> <p>PSY 357 Psychology of Language PSY 361 Perception PSY 365 Cognition</p>	<p>— <b>General</b> _____ (3)</p> <p>PSY 311 SWS Controversial Issues in Psychology Prerequisite: WRT 150 PSY 362 Environmental Psychology PSY 366 Perspectives on Aging Prerequisite: PSY 101 or PHI 101 PSY 370 Cognitive Neuroscience Prerequisite: PSY 101 and Junior Standing PSY 405 History and Systems Prerequisite: PSY 300 PSY 410 Tests and Measurements Prerequisite: STA 215 or STA 312</p>
— <b>Elective PSY</b> _____ (3)	— <b>Elective PSY</b> _____ (3)	
<b>Degree: choose one (B.A. or B.S.)</b>		
<p>Psychology majors complete the B.S. degree requirements as part of their major. Students who have completed a 3<sup>rd</sup> semester proficiency in a foreign language have the <i>option</i> of selecting the B.A. degree. It matters little to employers or graduate schools whether the degree is a B.S. or a B.A.</p>		
<b>Bachelor of Arts</b>		<b>Bachelor of Science</b>
<p>Third semester language proficiency (201 level) is required for the B.A. degree. This may be fulfilled through language placement (<a href="http://www.gvsu.edu/mli/language-placement-exam-108.htm">http://www.gvsu.edu/mli/language-placement-exam-108.htm</a>) or by completing the courses listed below</p> <p>— <b>Language 101*</b> (4)</p> <p>— <b>Language 102*</b> (4) (*150 is a hybrid of 101 &amp; 102 and is recommended for students with previous language background; students may move into Language 201 after completing Language 150)</p> <p>— <b>Language 201</b> (4)</p>		<p>— <b>STA 215 Introduction to Statistics (3)</b></p> <p>Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent</p> <p>— <b>PSY 300 Research Methods in Psychology (3) (SWS)</b></p> <p>Prerequisites: PSY 101 or HNR 234, and STA 215 or STA 312, and WRT 150</p> <p>— <b>PSY 400 Advanced Research in Psychology (3)</b></p> <p>Prerequisites: PSY 101, PSY 300, and a course in relevant content area or permission of instructor</p>
<b>Additional Elective Options</b>		
<p>PSY 304 The Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child Prerequisite: PSY 301 or PSY 364</p> <p>PSY 310 Behavior Modification</p> <p>PSY 315 Psychology of Sex Differences</p> <p>PSY 316 The Psychology of Human Intimacy and Sexuality</p>	<p>PSY 325 Educational Psychology</p> <p>PSY 326 Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Prerequisite: PSY 301 or PSY 364</p> <p>PSY 349 Psychology Applied to the Media</p> <p>PSY 367 Health Psychology</p> <p>PSY 368 Psychology of Physical Disabilities</p>	<p>PSY 380 Special Topics in Psychology</p> <p>PSY 385 Psychology of Religion</p> <p>PSY 399 Independent readings</p> <p>PSY 435 Advanced Neuroscience and Behavior Prerequisite: PSY 330</p> <p>PSY 499 Independent Study and Research</p>

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.

The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-120 MAK, 616-331-8585.

Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>

### Sample Plan

Year One	Year Three	*Students must complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute
PSY 101	PSY Category	*You must have a total of 120 credits to graduate from Grand Valley State University (you are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credits per semester)
STA 215	PSY Category	*Supplement major courses with general education courses when scheduling
WRT 150 <sup>1</sup>	PSY Elective	*The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15
Year Two	Year Four	*A major GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.
PSY 300	PSY Elective	
PSY Category	PSY 400	
PSY Category	PSY 492	
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<sup>1</sup> Students who self-place into WRT 120 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 130 in the winter semester of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT 150 can take in either semester during their first year. Students will not need to take WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better is required in WRT 130 or 150 in order to satisfy the WRT requirement at GVSU.

If you have received a minimum score of 3 on the **Advanced Placement (AP) Test in Psychology**, or have **CLEP or Dual Enrollment** credit for PSY 101 Introductory Psychology, you may take one 300-level (not PSY 300) course for which PSY 101 is the prerequisite during the second semester of your first year.

#### NOTES:

- Psychology majors are strongly encouraged to choose a minor that provides knowledge and skills relevant to their chosen career.
- For those planning on pursuing a Ph.D. in psychology, research experience is crucial. Two years of research experience are highly recommended. PSY 499 is just one way to gain research experience. Consult with your faculty advisor to plan the types of research experience that would be most relevant to you. A minor in Applied Statistics can be useful.
- For students who choose to take PSY 399 and/or 499, no more than six credit hours in these courses may be counted toward the major.
- Psychology majors must take at least one third of the psychology credits constituting their major from the psychology department.

#### Guide for Declaring the Psychology Major

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select “Student”, “Student Records”, and then, “Change Major”
3. Click on the “Change Major 1/Program” box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to “New Major 1/Program,” from here scroll down and choose “Psychology-BA” OR “Psychology-BS” depending on your degree
5. Click “Submit” and then “Change to New Program”

#### General Education Overlap

General Education Categories fulfilled by courses required in the Psychology major:	
Mathematical Sciences: STA 215	Social and Behavioral Sciences: PSY 101
Global Perspectives: PSY 355	Issues: PSY 367
Supplemental Writing Skills (SWS): PSY 300, PSY 311	