

**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.

Year One			
General Education or <sup>1</sup> WRT 120 (self-placement)	3	<sup>1</sup> WRT 130 or WRT 150 Strategies in Writing	3-4
General Education	3	MTH 110 Algebra	4
General Education	3	PSY 101 Introductory Psychology	3
General Education	3	General Education	3
General Education	3	<sup>3</sup> Elective	1-2
<i>Numbers noted within (parentheses) are contact hours</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Total</i>
	15		15
Year Two			
STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent	3	<sup>4</sup> PSY 300 SWS Research Methods in Psychology Prerequisites: STA 215 and WRT foundation	3
PSY Category	3	PSY Category	3
PSY Category	3	General Education	3
<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3	<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3
General Education	3	<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Total</i>
	15		15
Year Three			
PSY Category	3	PSY Category	3
PSY 350 Psychology Research and Data Applications (CLAS Voyage, Experiential Learning) Prerequisite: STA 215 and PSY 300 (300 can be taken concurrently)	3	PSY Category	3
Issues	3	Issues	3
<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3	<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3
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	<i>Total</i>		<i>Total</i>
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Year Four			
PSY 400 Advanced Research in Psychology (CLAS Voyage, Experiential Learning) Prerequisites: PSY 101, PSY 300, and PSY 350	3	PSY 492 Advanced General: Capstone (CLAS Voyage, Capstone) Prerequisite: PSY 300, senior standing, major in Psychology or Behavioral Neuroscience	3
PSY Elective	3	PSY Elective	3
<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3	<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3
<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3	<sup>2,4</sup> Minor/Elective-Second SWS (if needed)	3
<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3	<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Total</i>
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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 it 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 to satisfy the WRT requirement at GVSU.

<sup>2</sup>Minor/elective- Students often have enough credits to select a minor to complement the major. Otherwise, students can select elective courses to reach the 120 credits for graduation.

<sup>3</sup>Students must have a minimum of 120 credits to graduate with 58 of the 120 credits being from a senior level institution and the final 30 of the 120 credits completed at GVSU. Elective refers to any course that will help meet these requirements.

<sup>4</sup>Students must complete two courses with an SWS attribute.

\*The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15. A total of 120 credits is required to graduate.

\*A GPA of 2.0 or higher overall AND in the major is required to graduate.

\*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.

General Education Overlap	
<b>General Education Categories fulfilled by courses required in the Psychology major:</b>	
Mathematical Sciences: STA 215	Social and Behavioral Sciences: PSY 101
Global Perspectives: PSY 355	Issues: PSY 367 (if selected)
Supplemental Writing Skills (SWS): PSY 300. PSY 311 (if selected)	

**Required Core Courses (15 credits)**

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| <p>— <b>PSY 101 Introductory Psychology (3)</b></p> <p>— <b>PSY 300 SWS Research Methods in Psychology (3)</b><br/>Prerequisites: PSY 101, WRT 130 or WRT 150, and (STA 215 or STA 312)</p> <p>— <b>PSY 350 Psychology Research and Data Applications (3)</b><br/>Prerequisites: PSY 101, STA 215, PSY 300 (PSY 300 may be taken concurrently)</p> | <p>— <b>PSY 400 Advanced Research in Psychology (3)</b><br/>Prerequisites: PSY 101, PSY 300, and PSY 350</p> <p>— <b>PSY 492 Advanced General Capstone (3)</b><br/>Prerequisite: PSY 300 and senior standing and a major in Psychology or Behavioral Neuroscience</p> |
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**Category Requirements (18 credits)**

Choose one course from each of the following six categories; prerequisite for all courses: PSY 101 unless otherwise noted

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| <p>— <b>Social context _____ (3)</b></p> <p>PSY 355 Psychology and Culture<br/>PSY 360 Social Psychology<br/>PSY 381 Group Dynamics<br/>Prerequisite: PSY 101 or SOC 101<br/>PSY 445 Industrial/Organizational Psychology</p>  | <p>— <b>Developmental _____ (3)</b></p> <p>PSY 301 Child Development<br/>PSY 305 Infant and Early Childhood Development<br/>PSY 331 Adolescent Development<br/>PSY 364 Life Span Development</p> | <p>— <b>Personality/Clinical _____ (3)</b></p> <p>PSY 220 Theories of Personality<br/>PSY 303 Psychopathology<br/>PSY 324 Developmental Psychopathology<br/>Prerequisite: PSY 301 or PSY 364<br/>PSY 452 Counseling Theories and Applications</p>  |
| <p>— <b>Biological _____ (3)</b></p> <p>PSY 230 Biopsychology<br/>PSY 330 Fdns of Behavioral Neuroscience<br/>PSY 375 Comparative Psychology<br/>PSY 431 Introduction to Neuropsychology<br/>Prerequisites: PSY 101, and one of PSY 300, BMS 301, CJ 300, PLS 300, NUR 435, SW 430<br/>PSY 432 Psychopharmacology<br/>Prerequisite: PSY 101, and one of PSY 300, BMS 301, CJ 300, PLS 300, NUR 435, SW 430</p> | <p>— <b>Cognitive _____ (3)</b></p> <p>PSY 357 Psychology of Language<br/>PSY 361 Perception<br/>PSY 365 Cognition</p>   | <p>— <b>Integrative _____ (3)</b></p> <p>PSY 311 SWS Controversial Issues in Psychology<br/>Prerequisite: WRT 130 or WRT 150<br/>PSY 362 Environmental Psychology<br/>PSY 366 Perspectives on Aging<br/>PSY 370 Cognitive Neuroscience<br/>Prerequisite: PSY 101 and Junior Standing<br/>PSY 405 History and Systems<br/>Prerequisite: PSY 300<br/>PSY 410 Tests and Measurements<br/>Prerequisite: STA 215 or STA 312</p> |

— **Elective PSY \_\_\_\_\_ (3)**

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**Degree: choose one (B.A. or B.S.)**

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 *option* 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.

**Bachelor of Arts**

- Third semester language proficiency (201 level) is required for the B.A. degree. This may be fulfilled through language placement or by completing the courses listed below
- **Language 101\* (4)**
  - **Language 102\* (4)** (\*150 is a hybrid of 101 & 102 and is recommended for students with previous language background; students may move into Language 201 after completing Language 150)
  - **Language 201 (4)**

**Bachelor of Science**

- **STA 215 Introduction to Statistics (3)**  
Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent
- **PSY 300 Research Methods in Psychology (3) (SWS)**  
Prerequisites: PSY 101 and STA 215 or STA 312, and WRT 130 or WRT 150
- **PSY 400 Advanced Research in Psychology (3)**  
Prerequisites: PSY 101, PSY 300, and PSY 350

**Other Elective Options**

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| <p>PSY 225 Educational Psychology<br/>PSY 304 The Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child<br/>Prerequisite: PSY 301 or PSY 364<br/>PSY 310 Behavior Modification<br/>PSY 315 Psychology of Sex Differences<br/>PSY 316 Psych of Human Intimacy &amp; Sexuality</p> | <p>PSY 326 Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities<br/>Prerequisite: PSY 301 or PSY 364<br/>PSY 349 Psychology Applied to the Media<br/>PSY 367 Health Psychology<br/>Prerequisite: Junior Standing<br/>PSY 380 Special Topics in Psychology<br/>PSY 385 Psychology of Religion</p> | <p>PSY 399 Independent readings<br/>PSY 435 Advanced Neuroscience and Behavior<br/>Prerequisite: PSY 330<br/>PSY 436 Behavioral Neuroscience Laboratory Research<br/>PSY 490 Practicum<br/>PSY 493-494 Psych Friends Practicum<br/>PSY 499 Independent Study and Research</p> |
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**CLAS Voyage Courses**

What is the CLAS Voyage? <https://www.gvsu.edu/clas/clas-voyage-1184.htm> or search "GVSU CLAS Voyage"

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| Experiential Learning | PSY 350; PSY 400 |
| Capstone              | PSY 492          |