

# 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 PSY 350 Psychology Research and Data Applications	3 3
PSY Category	3	OR 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 350 Psychology Research and Data Applications OR PSY Category	3 3	PSY Category	3 3
PSY Category	3	Issues	3
Issues	3	<sup>2</sup> Minor/Elective	3
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	<i>Total</i>		<i>Total</i>
	15		15
Year Four			
PSY 400 Advanced Research in Psychology Prerequisites: PSY 101, PSY 300, and a course in relevant content area or permission of instructor	3	PSY 492 Advanced General: Capstone Prerequisite: PSY 300 and senior standing and a 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>
	15		15

<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 in order 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.

<sup>5</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 in order to satisfy the WRT requirement at GVSU.

\*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 major GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.

\*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.

## Degree Requirements

Psychology students can pursue a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. Students who wish to obtain a BA must fulfill 3rd semester proficiency in a foreign language (201 level). The BS requirements are incorporated into the major requirements and include STA 215, PSY 300, and PSY 400.

## Declaring the Psychology Major:

1. In myBanner, select "Student" > "Student Records" > "Change Major" > "Change Major 1/Program"
2. Choose "Psychology-BA" or "Psychology-BS" from the drop-down box.
3. 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		
Psychology Major (39 credits)		
Required Core Courses (15 credits)		
— <b>PSY 101 Introductory Psychology (3)</b> — <b>PSY 300 SWS Research Methods in Psychology (3)</b> Prerequisites: PSY 101, WRT 130 or WRT 150, and (STA 215 or STA 312)	— <b>PSY 400 Advanced Research in Psychology (3)</b> Prerequisites: PSY 101, PSY 300, and a course in relevant content area or permission of instructor	— <b>PSY 492 Advanced General Capstone (3)</b> Prerequisite: PSY 300 and senior standing and a major in Psychology or Behavioral Neuroscience
— <b>PSY 350 Psychology Research and Data Applications (3)</b> Prerequisites: PSY 101, STA 215, PSY 300 (PSY 300 may be taken concurrently)		
Category Requirements (18 credits)		
Choose one course from each of the following six categories; prerequisite for all courses: PSY 101 unless otherwise noted		
— <b>Biological _____ (3)</b> PSY 330 Fdns of Behavioral Neuroscience PSY 375 Comparative Psychology PSY 431 Introduction to Neuropsychology Prerequisites: PSY 101, and one of PSY 300, BMS 301, CJ 300, PLS 300, NUR 435, SW 430 PSY 432 Psychopharmacology Prerequisite: PSY 101, and one of PSY 300, BMS 301, CJ 300, PLS 300, NUR 435, SW 430	— <b>Developmental _____ (3)</b> PSY 301 Child Development PSY 305 Infant and Early Childhood Development PSY 331 Adolescent Development PSY 364 Life Span Development	— <b>Personality/Clinical _____ (3)</b> PSY 303 Psychopathology PSY 324 Developmental Psychopathology Prerequisite: PSY 301 or PSY 364 PSY 420 Theories of Personality PSY 452 Counseling Theories and Applications
— <b>Social context _____ (3)</b> PSY 355 Psychology and Culture PSY 360 Social Psychology PSY 381 Group Dynamics Prerequisite: PSY 101 or SOC 101 PSY 445 Industrial/Organizational Psychology	— <b>Cognitive _____ (3)</b> PSY 357 Psychology of Language PSY 361 Perception PSY 365 Cognition	— <b>General _____ (3)</b> PSY 311 SWS Controversial Issues in Psychology Prerequisite: WRT 130 or 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
— <b>Elective PSY _____ (3)</b>	— <b>Elective PSY _____ (3)</b>	
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 <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.		
Bachelor of Arts	Bachelor of Science	
Third semester language proficiency (201 level) is required for the B.A. degree. This may be fulfilled through language placement ( <a href="https://www.gvsu.edu/ml/language-placement-evaluation-235.htm">https://www.gvsu.edu/ml/language-placement-evaluation-235.htm</a> ) or by completing the courses listed below — <b>Language 101* (4)</b> — <b>Language 102* (4)</b> (*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) — <b>Language 201 (4)</b>	— <b>STA 215 Introduction to Statistics (3)</b> Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent — <b>PSY 300 Research Methods in Psychology (3) (SWS)</b> Prerequisites: PSY 101 and STA 215 or STA 312, and WRT 130 or WRT 150 — <b>PSY 400 Advanced Research in Psychology (3)</b> Prerequisites: PSY 101, PSY 300, and a course in relevant content area or permission of instructor	
Sample of Elective Options		
PSY 304 The Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child Prerequisite: PSY 301 or PSY 364 PSY 310 Behavior Modification PSY 315 Psychology of Sex Differences PSY 316 The Psychology of Human Intimacy and Sexuality PSY 325 Educational Psychology	PSY 326 Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Prerequisite: PSY 301 or PSY 364 PSY 349 Psychology Applied to the Media PSY 367 Health Psychology Prerequisite: Junior Standing PSY 380 Special Topics in Psychology PSY 385 Psychology of Religion	PSY 399 Independent readings PSY 435 Advanced Neuroscience and Behavior Prerequisite: PSY 330 PSY 490 Practicum PSY 493-494 Psych Friends Practicum PSY 499 Independent Study and Research