# 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.**

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²Minor/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.

³Students 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.

⁴Students must complete two courses with an SWS attribute.

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*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](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org), or have [CLEP or Dual Enrollment](https://www.collegeboard.org) 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

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Supplemental Writing Skills (SWS): PSY 300. PSY 311 if you select this course.

### Required Core Courses (15 credits)

- **Psychology**
  - **Introductory Psychology** (3)
  - **SWS Research Methods in Psychology** (3)
  - **Psychology Research and Data Applications** (3)
- **Behavioral Neuroscience**
  - **Intro to Neuropsychology** (3)
  - **Psychopharmacology** (3)
  - **Comparative Psychology** (3)
  - **Behavior Modification** (3)
  - **Educational Psychology** (3)
  - **Psychology of Human Intimacy and Sexuality** (3)
- **Social context** (3)
  - **Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child**
  - **Disabilities**
  - **Intellectual/Developmental**
  - **Human Development**
  - **Behavioral Psychology**
  - **Psychology of Religion**
- **Cognitive** (3)
  - **Tests and Measurements**
  - **History and Systems**
  - **Comparative Psychology**
  - **Perception**
  - **Neuroscience**
  - **Psychopathology**
- **Personality/Clinical** (3)
  - **Psychopathology**
  - **Perspectives on Aging**
  - **Practicum**
  - **Social and Behavioral Sciences**
  - **Abnormal Psychology**
  - **Health Psychology**

### Category Requirements (18 credits)

#### Biological (3)
- PSY 330 Fdns of Behavioral Neuroscience
- PSY 375 Comparative Psychology
- PSY 431 Introduction to Neuropsychology
- PSY 432 Psychopharmacology

#### Developmental (3)
- PSY 301 Child Development
- PSY 305 Infant and Early Childhood Development
- PSY 331 Adolescent Development
- PSY 364 Life Span Development

#### Social context (3)
- PSY 355 Psychology and Culture
- PSY 360 Social Psychology
- PSY 381 Group Dynamics
- PSY 445 Industrial/Organizational Psychology

#### Cognitive (3)
- PSY 357 Psychology of Language
- PSY 361 Perceptual Development
- PSY 365 Cognition

#### General (3)
- PSY 311 SWS Controversial Issues in Psychology
- PSY 362 Environmental Psychology
- PSY 366 Perspectives on Aging
- PSY 370 Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSY 405 History and Systems
- PSY 410 Tests and Measurements

### 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 3rd 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

- **STA 215 Introduction to Statistics** (3)
- **PSY 304 The Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child**
- **PSY 306 The Psychology of Human Intimacy and Sexuality**

#### Bachelor of Science

- **PSY 306 Behavior Modification** (4)
- **PSY 315 Psychology of Sex Differences**
- **PSY 316 The Psychology of Human Intimacy and Sexuality**
- **PSY 325 Educational Psychology**

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Other Elective Options

- PSY 326 Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- PSY 349 Psychology Applied to the Media
- PSY 367 Health Psychology
- PSY 380 Special Topics in Psychology
- PSY 385 Psychology of Religion

- PSY 316 The Psychology of Human Intimacy and Sexuality
- PSY 315 Psychology of Sex Differences
- PSY 304 The Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child

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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 and C-1-140 MAK; 616-331-8585 [www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising](http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising)