

B.S. in Psychology

FALL 2024 to Present

Keep this advising sheet up-to-date and bring it with you when you meet with your advisor!

I. PSYCHOLOGY (51 cr.)

All courses listed here must have a grade of C- or better. Grades of D- to D+ can count as free (not PSY!) electives only.

Psychology Core (required):

- E PSY100 ____ (Intro Psychology)
 PSY245 ____ (Behavioral Statistics)
 W PSY246 ____ (Research Methods)
 J PSY362 ____ (History & Systems)
 S PSY400 ____ (Senior Seminar)

Students are strongly encouraged to take PSY245 as early as possible, but MUST enroll in it before taking more than 21 hours in psychology courses!

Group A: Biological Bases of Behavior (1)

- PSY255 ____ (Intro Biopsychology)
 PSY335 ____ (Animal Behavior)

Group B: Cognition & Learning (1)

- PSY363 ____ (Psych of Learning)
 PSY475 ____ (Cognitive Psych)

Group C: Human Development (1)

- PSY382 ____ (Inf,Child,Adl Dev)
 W PSY384 ____ (Adult Dev)

Group D: Multicultural & Social (1)

- J PSY120 ____ (Multicultural Psych)
 PSY254 ____ (Social Psych)

Group E: Clinical Psychology (1)

- PSY257 ____ (Personality Theories)
 PSY375 ____ (Psychopathology*)
 (*Previously called Abnormal Psychology)

Group F: Applied Experiences (1)

- PSY265 ____ (Ind/Org Psych)
 PSY336 ____ (Animal Behavior Lab)
 PSY356 ____ (Biopsychology Lab)
 PSY366 ____ (Psc of Learning Lab)
 PSY376 ____ (Social Psych Lab)
 E,W PSY476 ____ (Cognitive Psych Lab)
 PSY410* ____ (Research)
 PSY441 ____ (Field Experience I)
 PSY442 ____ (Field Experience II)
 J PSY448 ____ (Field Experience III)
 J PSY449 ____ (Field Experience IV)

* May be taken up to 5 times (15 credits). Only 3 of the 5 attempts (9 of 15 credits) may count towards the PSY major.

Psychology Electives: Choose an additional six (6) courses from the Psychology Department:

- PSY _____
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- PSY _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL TRANSFER STUDENTS MUST TAKE AT LEAST HALF OF THEIR PSYCHOLOGY CREDITS (9 COURSES) AT WCU

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

II. First-Year Experience (4 cr.)

FYE _____

III. English Composition (6-7 cr.)

WRT120 ____ (3 cr.) or WRT 123 ____ (4 cr.)
 WRT 200 ____ (3 cr.)

IV. Math (3 cr.)

*MAT113 _____

(or 115, MAT 131 or any MAT with MAT113, 115, or 131 as a prerequisite are acceptable)

*MAT 112 will also be accepted as of Spring 2023

V. Interdisciplinary* (I-course) (3 cr.)

(I) _____

VI. Diversity* (J-courses) (6 cr.)

(J-1) _____

(J-2) _____

*Courses may be used to simultaneously fill both the I and J requirements. An I course cannot, however, be used to meet a distributive requirement. A J course may be used to fill a distributive requirement if it is not also an I course.

VII. GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTIVE COURSES

AN "I" COURSE MAY NOT BE USED TO MEET A DISTRIBUTIVE REQUIREMENT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. DISTRIBUTIVE COURSES TAKEN AT WCU MUST BE SELECTED FROM APPROVED GEN ED DISTRIBUTIVE COURSE LIST (DOES NOT APPLY TO TRANSFER CREDITS)

Arts (3 cr.): Select one 3-credit course from Art, Art History, Music, Music History, Theater, Photography, Dance, or Film:

Course	Grade
_____	_____

Science (6 cr.): Select two courses from: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth/Space Science, or Physics. **Only one course from each discipline.**

Course	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____

Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 cr.):

Select two courses from: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science or Sociology. **Only one course from each discipline.**

Course	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____

Humanities (6 cr.): Select two courses from the following areas: History, Literature and Philosophy. **Only one course from each discipline.**

Course	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is recommended that students who **intend to attend graduate school** take PSY410 or Field Experience earlier than Spring semester of their 3rd year and repeat it for credit.

VIII. Ethics Emphasis (E) (3 cr.)

(E-1) _____

IX. Speaking Emphasis (S) (9 cr.)

(Recommended: SPK208, SPK230, or SPK199 for S-1)

These courses may simultaneously satisfy other degree requirements.

At least one course MUST be at the 300-400 level (upper-division) – PSY 400 counts

(S-1) _____

(S-2) _____

(S-3) _____

X. Writing Emphasis (W) (9 cr.)

These courses may simultaneously satisfy other degree requirements.

❖ If taken at WCU, the following courses will simultaneously fulfill both Psychology major and Writing Emphasis requirements: PSY 246, 365, 384, and 476.

At least one course MUST be at the 300-400 level (upper-division).

(W-1) _____

(W-2) _____

(W-3) _____

SPEAKING & WRITING EMPHASIS COURSES FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

- ❖ Transfer students with 30-60 transfer credits need 2 courses of both speaking and writing emphasis - 1 must be at the 300/400 level.
- ❖ Those with 61-90 need 1 speaking and 1 writing emphasis at the 300/400 level.
- ❖ Those with 90+ credits are exempt from both.
- ❖ Academic Passport waives speaking emphasis altogether but not writing emphasis.

XI. FREE ELECTIVES

Take enough free electives to complete **120 credits**. College preparatory courses (e.g., MATQ20, MATQ30) do NOT count towards graduation. The actual number of free electives required will vary for each student.

Course	Grade
_____	_____
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_____	_____
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Credit Count

Repeat Policy: Please note that WCU allows students a total of 6 maximum repeats for their entire undergraduate career. A course may be repeated a maximum of 2 times only! The most recent grade, regardless of whether it is higher or lower, will be the grade used for the GPA calculation. Courses taken at WCU **CANNOT** be repeated at an external institution! Remedial Q courses can be repeated up to three times. Failure to receive the appropriate passing grade will result in dismissal from WCU.

Academic Probation: Students are placed on Academic Probation if their cumulative GPA falls below 2.0. Students will have 1 academic semester to regain good standing and will be required to create an Academic Recovery Plan (ARP) with their advisors.

BS Psychology							
4 Year Graduation - For students entering in Fall 2024 or later							
Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Fall		Fall		Fall		Fall	
PSY100 (E)	3	WRT200	3	PSY Elective (3)	3	PSY400 (S)	3
Diverse Communities (J)	3	SOC SCI (2)	3	ART	3	PSY Elective (5)	3
MAT113	3	PSY245	3	HUM (2)	3	PSY Elective (6)	3
First Year Experience (FYE)	4	PSY Elective (1)	3	Free Elective (1)	3	Free Elective (3)	3
SOC SCI (1)	3	PSY Group A,B,C, D, or E	3	PSY362 (J)	3	Free Elective (4)	3
Credits	16	Credits	15	Credits	15	Credits	15
Spring		Spring		Spring		Spring	
HUM (1)	3	SPEAK 2	3	PSY Group A,B,C, D, or E	3	Interdisciplinary (I)	3
PSY Group A,B,C, D, or E	3	PSY Group A,B,C, D, or E	3	Free Elective (2)	3	Free Elective (5)	3
SPK208 or 230 (SPEAK 1)	3	SCI (2)	3	PSY Group A,B,C, D, or E	3	Free Elective (6)	3
WRT120	3	PSY246 (W)	3	PSY Elective (4)	3	Free Elective (7)	3
SCI (1)	3	PSY Elective (2)	3	PSY Applied Experience**	3	Free Elective (8)	2
Credits	15	Credits	15	Credits	15	Credits	14
Year 1 Credits	31	Year 2 Credits	30	Year 3 Credits	30	Year 4 Credits	29
						Total Credits	120
<p><i>*Note: Students are required to take 3 Writing Emphasis (W) courses (one at the 300-400 level). PSY246 is a W course. It is assumed that students will fulfill their remaining W requirements by taking courses required for the major or to satisfy General Education requirements (e.g., E or S course) that are also designated Writing Emphasis (W) requirements. If not, free elective W courses will be needed.</i></p> <p><i>If students acquire their attribute courses (I, J, W, S, E) from courses that 'count' in other categories (e.g., PHI 180, a humanities that is also an E and J), more Free Electives should be taken to achieve at least 120 credits.</i></p> <p><i>**It is recommended that students who intend to attend graduate school take PSY410 or 441 earlier than Spring semester of their 3rd year and repeat it for credit using PSY or Free Electives. PSY 410 may be taken up to 5 times (15 credits), but only 3 of 5 attempts (9 of 15 credits) will count towards the major.</i></p>							