

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR (BS)

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/psychology.cfm>)

College: College of Natural & Health Sciences

The psychology major provides a broadly based education in the content, methods, principles, and theories of the science of psychology. The required courses in the major expose students to the traditional important subject areas of psychology. The elective courses in the major allow students the flexibility to pursue their own interests and goals.

Students who are considering psychology as a major should speak with a psychology adviser early in their education. This will allow them to develop a long-range plan that best meets their educational and career goals. Students whose interests are in the social service and mental health areas should consider the Certificate in Mental Health Skills. Students whose interests are in research should consider the Certificate in Psychological Research. Students with interests in graduate school in psychological neuroscience should consider the Concentration in Neuroscience and/or the Certificate in Neuroscience.

Students who intend to pursue graduate study in psychology or a related field should discuss this with their adviser as early as possible to develop a plan of study that will prepare them for graduate school. These students should plan to take more than the minimum 39 credits in psychology required for the major. They are also encouraged to complete at least one of the three certificates and to participate in PSYC 494 Psychology Internship or PSYC 499 Independent Study under the guidance of a member of the department.

Students majoring in psychology may be eligible for membership in Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology. Psychology Club is a student organization that sponsors activities of broad interest to psychology students (e.g., workshops on graduate school and discussions of employment opportunities). Contact Dr. Hillard for information about how to join Psi Chi and/or the Psychology Club.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Communication: Students successfully communicate psychology-related material.
2. Critical Thinking: Students apply critical thinking skills to reading scholarly material and writing a scholarly paper.
3. Social and Personal Responsibility: Students apply psychological principles.
4. Content Knowledge: Students can explain the major theories and research findings major areas of psychology.

Minimum 2.50 GPA in all courses used in the major (including transfer credits).

Code	Title	Credits
College of Natural and Health Sciences requirement		
New entering students, and transfer students with less than 30 college credits, choosing a major in the College of Natural and Health Sciences are required to take this course.		
UWP 101	First Year Seminar: Natural and Health Sciences	1
Core Courses		
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychological Science	3

PSYC 250	Psychological Statistics	3
PSYC 300	Research Methods in Psychology	3
Breadth Courses		
PSYC 200	Introduction to Neuroscience	3
PSYC 205	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC 210	Introduction to Human Development	3
PSYC 220	Social Psychology	3
Completion Options		
Choose one option		18-31
Total Credits		40-53

Completion Options

General Psychology Major

Code	Title	Credits
Depth Courses		
Select fifteen credits of PSYC courses numbered 301 and above ¹		15
Elective Courses		
Select three credits of any 200-level, 300-level, or 400-level PSYC course that is not required for the major		3
Total Credits		18

¹ not including PSYC 494 Psychology Internship or PSYC 499 Independent Study.

Neuroscience Concentration

The neuroscience concentration will provide students with an interdisciplinary perspective on the emerging area of neuroscience research. The neuroscience concentration will provide students with the background and critical thinking skills necessary to prepare for graduate programs in neuroscience and career opportunities in a diverse range of scientific research and medical fields.

Students must have completed PSYC 200 Introduction to Neuroscience with a B-minus or better to declare this concentration.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Course		
PSYC 420	Neuroanatomy	3
Select six of the following courses:		
PSYC 301	Learning and Memory	
PSYC 306	Sensation and Perception	
PSYC 325	Biological Psychology	
PSYC 326	Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSYC 327	Neuropsychology	
PSYC 328	Psychopharmacology	
PSYC 329	Brain Development and Plasticity	
PSYC 360	Psychopathology	
PSYC 491	Senior Capstone in Neuroscience	

Interdisciplinary Electives

Choose one group		8-10
<i>Chemistry Group</i>		
CHEM 101	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 103	General Chemistry Lab I	
CHEM 102	General Chemistry II	
CHEM 104	General Chemistry Lab II	

<i>Biology Group</i>	
BIOS 101	Bioscience
BIOS 102	Organismal Biology
<i>Physics Group</i>	
PHYS 201	General Physics I
PHYS 202	General Physics II
<i>Math Group</i>	
MATH 221	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I
MATH 222	Calculus and Analytic Geometry II
Total Credits	29-31

General University Degree Requirements (Bachelor's Degree)

In addition to individual program requirements, students must also fulfill the following requirements:

Requirement	Credits
Skills	7-8
General Education	36
Foreign Language**	6-8
Ethnic Diversity	3
Total	52-55

** Transfer students in sustainable management, and health information management and technology collaborative, online degree-completion programs, the business management online degree-completion program, and the flexible option degree-completion program will be exempt from the university's foreign language requirement. See appropriate academic section for further information.

Skills Requirement (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#skills>)

Code	Title	Credits
Reading and Writing		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
Computational Skills		
Select one of the following:		4-5
MATH 102	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 103	Elementary Statistics	
MATH 104	College Mathematics with Applications	
MATH 111	College Algebra I	
Total Credits		7-8

General Education (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#general>)

- General Education Course List (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/general-education-program/#coursestext>)

Foreign Language (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#language>)

Ethnic Diversity (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#ethnic>)

Degree Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Minimum Total Credits	120
Upper Level Credits (300 level or above)	36
Residency	30

Cumulative Degree GPA: 2.0 minimum

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall Semester		
ENGL 100	Fundamentals of English	3
MATH 104 or MATH 111	College Mathematics with Applications or College Algebra I	4-5
UWP 101	First Year Seminar: Natural and Health Sciences	1
General Education (HU)		3
General Education (SS)		3
Credits		14-15
Spring Semester		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychological Science	3
General Education (HU)		3
General Education (NS)		3
General Education (SS)		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		29-30

Course	Title	Credits
Year 2		
Fall Semester		
PSYC 205	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC 210	Introduction to Human Development	3
General Education (HU)		3
General Education (NS)		3
Introductory Language		4
Credits		16
Spring Semester		
PSYC 220	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 250	Psychological Statistics	3
General Education (HU)		3
General Education (NS)		3
Introductory Language		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		32

Course	Title	Credits
Year 3		
Fall Semester		
PSYC 300	Research Methods in Psychology	3
PSYC 200	Introduction to Neuroscience	3
300/400 Level Psyc Elective		3
General Education (NS)		3
General Elective OR DV course (if needed)		3
Credits		15
Spring Semester		
300/400 Level PSYC Elective		3
300/400 Level PSYC Elective		3
General Elective		3
300/400 Level General Elective		3

300/400 Level General Elective	3
Credits	15
Total Credits	30

Course	Title	Credits
Year 4		
Fall Semester		
300/400 Level PSYC Elective		3
300/400 Level General Elective		3
300/400 Level General Elective		3
General Education (SS)		3
General Elective		3
	Credits	15
Spring Semester		
PSYC Elective		3
300/400 Level General Elective		3
300/400 Level General Elective		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
	Credits	15
	Total Credits	30

NOTE: The above plan is for the Psychology Major with the general major completion option.