



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**Grand Rapids Community College**

**Fall 2019**

## **Western Michigan University Psychology Curriculum Guide**

### **Pre - psychology requirements:**

- There are 2 options for majoring in psychology: the general psychology major and the behavioral science major. Information about these two majors can be found at the psychology department website;
- Students pursuing either psychology major are admitted to WMU under the pre-psychology designation. To **officially declare** the **behavioral science major**, each course listed below must be completed with a “B” (3.0) or better;
- To officially declare the **general psychology** major, each course below **must be completed** with a “C” (2.0) or better.

### **The following courses are required for both psychology majors:**

#### **WMU courses**

PSY 1000

PSY 1400

PSY 1401

PSY 1600

PSY 3000

#### **GRCC courses**

PY 201

PY 241

No equivalent\*

PY 233

PY 281

\*Students may either complete this course at another college, or plan to take it their first semester at WMU.

### **General education requirements:**

- Please refer to the [WMU general education program transfer guide](#) that lists which general education courses are required by WMU and may be taken at GRCC;
- One of the general education requirements is a math requirement. We recommend statistics, because much of the interpretation of psychological research rests on knowledge in statistics;
- All students graduating from the College of Arts & Sciences must meet the world language proficiency by completing two semesters (6-8 hours) of the same foreign language or

American Sign Language, or passing WMU's proficiency by exam. Please contact the College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Advising Office at (269) 387-4366 with any questions. Neither the MACRAO Agreement nor the Michigan Transfer Agreement satisfy the world language requirement.

- If the student's first language is not English, then the student is exempt from this requirement. Determination of eligibility for this exemption is based on whether the student was required to take the TOEFL test for admission, and can be verified through the WMU departments of Spanish or World Languages and Literatures.
- A & S requires a critical thinking course, to be chosen from Proficiency 4c. See the general education transfer guide cited above. MACRAO or the MTA will cover this requirement;
- You may email the WMU advisors in the College of Arts and Sciences for further clarification about general education requirements (see address below).

**Important notes:**

- Depending on your major track, you will need 3 – 5 **approved** psychology electives. PY 203, 231, 232, 234, 251, 260 and 263 are approved psychology electives for both psychology majors, for GRCC students;
- Pre-psychology requirements changed after the Fall 2011 catalog. If you started your major prior to that date, please contact the psychology advisor to learn what your options are;
- A minimum of 9 credit hours must be taken toward the major from the WMU Psychology department;
- For more specific information about the psychology majors, or to declare your major, please contact psychology advising below.

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For general education advising or world language requirement questions:  
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