

Bachelor of Science: General Psychology Requirements PSGJ

Western Michigan University College of Arts and Sciences Psychology Department: Updated June 2018

Unofficial Major Slip/Program Requirements: Effective Catalog Years Beginning Before Fall 2016/Total Credit Hours 31

Introductory Core	4 classes and a lab/14 credits with "C" or better	Prerequisites	all with "C" or better	Hrs
	PSY 1000 General Psychology	None		3
	PSY 1400 Introduction to Behavior Analysis	None		4
	PSY 1600 Child Psychology	PSY 1000		3
	PSY 3000 Research Methods/Statistics	PSY 1000; 1400; Must be Pre-PSY		3

Above classes must be completed with a grade of "C" or better before declaring the General Psychology Major

Proficiency 2 Baccalaureate Level Writing	1 class from approved list	Required	with "C" or better
Must Take 1 of the following approved electives to fulfill the proficiency 2 baccalaureate level writing requirement: PSY 3300, PSY 3844, PSY 4526, PSY 4574, or PSY 4595 (Please see below for pre-req requirements)			

Practicum or Lab Experience	1 class/3 credits with "C" or better	Prerequisites	Hrs
	PSY 3550 TA: Psychology	Instructor permission	3
	PSY 1403 Autism Practicum	PSY 1400 and PSY 1402 with "B" or better	3
	PSY 3780 Behavioral Neuroscience Research Practicum	Instructor permission and application process; PSY 3720 or Concurrent	3
	PSY 3970 Practicum in Psychology	See practicum handout on psy blog or website listed at bottom of page	3

Approved Electives	5 classes/15credits with "C" or better	Prerequisites	all with "C" or better unless noted	Hrs
1 Elective Course below must include at least 1 of the following to satisfy prof 2 bacc writing: PSY 3300, 3844, 4526, 4574, or 4595				
	PSY 2444 Organizational Psychology (Previously PSY 3440)	None		3
	PSY 2500 Abnormal Psychology	PSY 1000		3
	PSY 2517 Applied Behavior Analysis in Autism and DD	PSY 1400 with "B" or better; Pre-PSY or Declared Majors Only		3
	PSY 3240 Abnormal Child Psychology	PSY 1000; 1600		3
	PSY 3260 Forensic Psychology	PSY 1000; 2500		3
	PSY 3300 Advanced Research Methods*	PSY 1000; 1400; 3000 with "B" or better		3
	PSY 3444 Advanced Organizational Psychology	PSY 2444 or 3440		3
	PSY 3456 Behavioral Approaches to Sustainability	PSY 1000 with "B" or better; Pre-PSY or Declared Majors Only		3
	PSY 3517 Educational Psychology	PSY 1400 with "B" or better; Pre-PSY or Declared Majors Only		3
	PSY 3720 Behavioral Neuroscience*	PSY 1000; 1400/1401; 1600; 3000		3
	PSY 3844 Professional and Career Development	PSY 1000 with "B" or better; Pre-PSY or Declared Majors Only		3
	PSY 3960 Topical Studies in Psychology*	PSY 1000; Psychology Advisor Approval Needed		3
	PSY 3980 Independent Study	Instructor Permission		3
	PSY 4280 Psychology of Aging	PSY 1000; 1600; 2500; Pre-PSY or Declared Majors Only		3
	PSY 4526 Human Drug Use and Abuse*	Junior/Senior Status; PSY 1000; 1400/1401; 1600; 3000		3
	PSY 4574 Cross Cultural Psychology*	Junior/Senior Status; PSY 1000; 1400/1401; 1600; 3000		3
	PSY 4595 History of Psychology	Junior/Senior Status; PSY 1000; 1400/1401; 1600; 3000		3
	PSY 4630 Health Psychology*	PSY 1000; 1600; Pre-PSY or Declared Majors Only		3
	PSY 5240 Human Sexuality*	Jr/Sr Status; PSY Majors Only; PSY 1000; 1400/1401; 1600; 2500; 3000		3

***Important: Must officially be declared General Psychology Major to register for above courses listed with ***

Elective Recommendations for Some Graduate Programs

Clinical PSY	PSY 3300 (prof 2 bacc writing), PSY 2500 and 3240, and 2 of the following based on interest: PSY 2517, 3517, 4280, 4526, or 4630: Applied and Research Practicum
Forensic PSY	PSY 3300 (prof 2 bacc writing), PSY 3260, 2500, 3240 and 5240; Applied and Research practicum
Counseling PSY	PSY 3300 or 4526 (prof 2 bacc writing), PSY 2500, 3240, 4280 and 5240 (Other PSY electives could be taken based on interest)
School Counseling	PSY 3300 or 4526 (prof 2 bacc writing), PSY 2500, 3240, 3517 and 5240 (Other PSY electives could be taken based on interest)

A minimum of nine (9) credit hours must be taken toward the major from the WMU Psychology Department

***You must declare with the Psychology Advisor for any courses requiring Pre-PSY or an official major declaration in order to register**

Instructions to Declare: All Pre-Psychology Majors **MUST OFFICIALLY DECLARE** the General Psychology Major once PSY 1000, 1400/1401, 1600, and 3000 are completed with a "C" or better. Please email psy-advising@wmich.edu from your WMU email account with your WIN and that you wish to declare the General Psychology Major so your Degree Works can be officially updated.

Registration Problems: If you have all the pre-reqs listed above for a course but still cannot register, please email psy-advising@wmich.edu from your WMU email with your WIN, Course (ex: PSY 3000) and the major you are following: **Behavioral or General Psychology Major or Unsure.**