

Advising Guide for Psychology Majors (CY 2018/19 and earlier)

Requirements to be a Psychology Major – declare ASAP if you have met these requirements but your Degree Audit still says PrePsychology. Declare via MySeaPort → Academics tab → Major Declaration/Curricular Updates

___ **PSY 105** (grade of C or better) and ___ **MAT 111 (or 112, 115, 151, or higher)** and ___ **BIO 105 w/ lab or higher**

[PSY 106 is only necessary for students in CY2019/20 and later]

Research Method Sequence – these classes must be taken in this order and cannot be taken in the same semester. Plan your schedule around these classes. Each course is a 4-credit course.

___ **PSY 225* (statistics)** → ___ **PSY 355** (experimental)** → ___ **Capstone (410, 412, 417, 423, 425, 464, 456/459)****

**Need override from department if not a full major – must have completed MAT 111 or STT 215 to receive an override*

***These do not count for the required 12-15 hours in 300 – 400 level courses. They do count as Writing Intensive and Information Literacy for University Studies requirements.*

Domain Courses – these can be taken in any order and in any semester. Many of these are prerequisites for 300 – 400 level courses, so it is advisable to take them as early as possible.

___ Domain 1 – Developmental Psychology: **PSY 220** (child), **PSY 221** (adolescent), or **PSY 223** (lifespan)

___ Domain 2 – Social and Personality Psychology: **PSY 246** (personality) or **PSY 264** (social)

___ Domain 3 – Abnormal Psychology: **PSY 247** (abnormal)

___ Domain 4 – Biological Psychology: **PSY 256** (brain and behavior) – also counts as Scientific Approaches for Univ. Studies

___ Domain 5 – Cognitive Psychology: **PSY 211** (perception and cognition)

___ Domain 6 – Learning and Behavior Analysis: **PSY 217** (learning and behavior change)

Elective Hours at the 300 – 400 Level – students need 12-15 hours in this requirement. You may complete one of the 200-level courses listed below to count for these elective hours. Check degree audit to confirm your required number of credits.

___ **One** of the following courses may count: **PSY 210** (science and pseudoscience), **PSY 245** (drugs and behavior), **PSY 257** (evolutionary psychology), **PSY 265** (human sexual behavior), or **PSY 275** (forensic psychology)

___ 9-12 hours at the 300 – 400 level – everything at the 300 – 400 level counts except for PSY 355 and Capstone

University Studies – check your Degree Audit for specific information about which courses count for each area

Foundations

- ___ Composition (3 – 6 hours)
- ___ Lifetime Wellness (2 hours)
- ___ Math and Statistics (3 hours)
- ___ Foreign Language (3 – 6 hours)
- ___ First Year Seminar (3 hours – N/A for transfer students)

Building Competencies

- ___ Writing Intensive (6-9 hours – PSY 355 and Capstone*)
 - ___ Information Literacy (6-9 hours – PSY 355 and Capstone*)
 - ___ Critical Reasoning (3 hours)
- *Check degree audit to confirm your required number of credits*

Approaches and Perspectives

- ___ Aesthetic, Interpretative, Literary (6 hours)
- ___ Historical and Philosophical (6 hours)
- ___ Scientific Approaches (7 hours – 3 from PSY 256)
- ___ Human Institutions and Behaviors (6 hours – 3 from PSY 105)
- ___ Living in Our Diverse Nation (3 hours – PSY 271 is an option)
- ___ Living in a Global Society (3 hours – PSY 270 is an option)

Exploration Beyond the Classroom

- ___ Need 3 credits (check Degree Audit for all options)
- Options in PSY include:
- PSY 416 (adult development and life transitions)
 - PSY 451 (supervised counseling practice)
 - PSY 491 (directed independent study)
 - PSY 499 (honors work in psychology)
- Options through Career Services:
- Certified Internship Program
- (<http://www.uncw.edu/career/cip.html>)

Need **124** total credits to graduate