

# Advising Guide for Psychology Majors (CY 2019/20 and later)

**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** (must be taken as a co-requisite to or after PSY 105)

**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 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** – most students need 15 hours in this requirement. You may complete one of the 200-level courses listed below to count for these elective hours.

\_\_\_ **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)

\_\_\_ 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 hours – 355 and Capstone)
- \_\_\_ Information Literacy (6 hours – 106, 355 and Capstone)
- \_\_\_ Critical Reasoning (3 hours)

## 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 **120** total credits to graduate