PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

General Admissions Information for Psychology
High school students should have at least one year of algebra. Social science courses, including psychology and natural science courses such as biology and chemistry are also encouraged. Transfer students may be given credit for appropriate transfer courses in the major and for electives. Transfer credits will be limited to 20 lower division courses and no more than 30 transfer credits total can be applied toward the degree.

General Degree Completion Requirements for Psychology
Students who major in psychology but who transfer some lower division psychology coursework from other colleges/universities must complete at least 50 hours of upper division credits in the 70 credit psychology major. No more than 20 credits from online courses will be counted toward major requirements.

Notes:
- to declare psychology as a major, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA ≥2.0 and taken and passed PSYC 100 or its equivalent with a GPA ≥2.0.
- two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single college level foreign language is required.
- students must attain a grade ≥2.0 for each of the required courses: CSBS 320, PSYC 100, PSYC 309, PSYC 313, PSYC 395/PSYC 495, PSYC 398/PSYC 498 and PSYC 399/PSYC 499.

Capstone Course: the university capstone requirement can be met by the department capstone course, PSYC 490.

Required courses are designed to provide students with the foundations of the field. Through careful planning in the selection of cluster and elective courses, students may develop a program of study to prepare for application to graduate school programs or meet specific career goals in psychology-related business/human services occupations.

Required Prerequisite Course
PSYC 100 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY 5

Required Courses
CSBS 320 INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES 5
PSYC 309 SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLOGY 5
PSYC 313 RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY 5

Required Focus Experience Courses—students choose from any combination of the following
PSYC 395/495 INTERNSHIP (Instructor’s permission required.)
PSYC 398/498 SEMINAR IN PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 399/499 DIRECTED STUDY (Instructor’s permission required.)

Required Cluster Credits—PSYC majors are required to take a specified number of courses from clusters A and B as follows:

Cluster A Core Course Requirements—at least four of the following 19-20
PSYC 301 THEORIES OF PERSONALITY
PSYC 302 ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 303 FOUNDATION OF PSYCHOTHERAPY
PSYC 305 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT

Cluster B Applied/Lab and Speciality Course Requirements—at least 11-15
PSYC 323 DRUGS AND BEHAVIOR
PSYC 421 CARE AND CUSTODY OF FEMALE OFFENDERS
PSYC 425 PSYCHOLOGY AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM
PSYC 427 INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS
PSYC 430 HUMAN PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY
PSYC 431 STRESS AND COPING
PSYC 433 COMPASSION FOCUSED THERAPY
PSYC 440 HAPPIESS AND POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 450 TRAUMA: THEORY, ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT

Electives 17
Note: courses used as electives in the major must come from the Cluster A or B course list above (those not used to meet the minimum cluster requirements) or as approved by the department chair.

For information on General Education, see Undergraduate Degree (http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2015-2016/undergraduate-degree).

Student Learning Outcomes—students will
- develop ethical and evidence-derived decision-making;
- use APA style effectively in empirically based reports, literature reviews and theoretical papers;
- recognize and understand major perspectives of psychology;
- evaluate the appropriateness of design, statistical analyses and conclusions derived from psychological research;
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- design and conduct studies to address psychological questions using appropriate research methods.