

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.

Notes:

- two years of a single high school foreign language or one year (3 quarters) of a single college-level foreign language is required;
- if a student takes PSYC 201 or PSYC 305 or PSYC 306 for Cluster A, they cannot take PSYC 201 or PSYC 305 or PSYC 306 as an elective;

Capstone Course: the university capstone requirement is met by the department capstone PSYC 490 and must attain a grade \geq C.

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.

Grades

- To declare psychology as a major, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA \geq 2.0 and taken and passed PSYC 100 or its equivalent with a grade \geq C.
- Students must attain a grade \geq C for each of the required courses:
 - CSBS 320 or PSYC 310, PSYC 100, PSYC 309, PSYC 413, PSYC 490
 - PSYC 495, PSYC 398/PSYC 498 and PSYC 399/PSYC 499
- There is no overall GPA requirement for this major

Required Prerequisite Course

PSYC 100	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	5
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Required Courses

CSBS 320	STATISTICS FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES	5
or PSYC 310	PSYCHOLOGICAL STATISTICS	
PSYC 309	SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLOGY	5
PSYC 413	RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY	5

Required Focus Experience Courses—students choose from any combination of the following 3

PSYC 398	SEMINAR IN PSYCHOLOGY	
or PSYC 498	SEMINAR	
PSYC 399	DIRECTED STUDY (permission required)	
or PSYC 499	DIRECTED STUDY	
PSYC 495	INTERNSHIP (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—choose at least four of the following 18-20

PSYC 301	THEORIES OF PERSONALITY
PSYC 302	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 303	FOUNDATION OF PSYCHOTHERAPY
PSYC 305	CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT (only one developmental course will count towards the BA)
PSYC 316	HUMAN MEMORY AND COGNITION
PSYC 324	CONDITIONING AND LEARNING
PSYC 340	EMOTION AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE
PSYC 381	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 374	CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 420	BIOLOGICAL BASIS OF BEHAVIOR

Cluster B Applied/Lab and Speciality Course Requirements—choose 10-15 at least three of the following

CSBS 321	COMPUTER AIDED DATA ANALYSIS
or PSYC 312	COMPUTER STATISTICAL ANALYSIS
PSYC 314	TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS
PSYC 317	HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 318	COMPUTERIZATION RESEARCH TECHNIQUES IN PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC/GWSS 321	CARE AND CUSTODY OF FEMALE OFFENDERS
PSYC 323	DRUGS AND BEHAVIOR
PSYC 325	COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE
PSYC/GWSS 331	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN
PSYC 359	HUMAN SEXUALITY
PSYC 425	PSYCHOLOGY AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM
PSYC 427	INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS
PSYC 429	PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY
PSYC 433	COMPASSION FOCUSED THERAPY
PSYC 440	HAPPINESS AND POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 450	TRAUMA: THEORY, ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT
PSYC 452	SOCIAL INFLUENCE
PSYC 461	INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 470	CHILDHOOD PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND TREATMENT
PSYC 481	PREJUDICE AND STEREOTYPING
PSYC 496	EXPERIMENTAL COURSE
PSYC 497	WORKSHOP, SHORT COURSE, CONFERENCE, SEMINAR (may be counted as a cluster course or elective as approved by the department chair)

Electives—courses used as electives in the major must come from cluster A or B or Focus Experience list above (those not used to meet the minimum cluster requirements).

Required Senior Capstone

PSYC 490	SENIOR CAPSTONE: THE TRADITION OF PSYCHOLOGY (a UGR—senior capstone)	4-6
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or PSYC 491 SENIOR THESIS

Total 70**University Competencies and Proficiencies**

English (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#newitemtext>)
 Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#mathcompproficienciestext>)
 Placement and Clearance Exams (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/placement/>)
 Prior Learning/Sources of Credit AP, CLEP, IB (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/prior-learning/>)

General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationrequirementstext>) (**GER**)

- Minimum Credits—180 cumulative credit hours
 - 60 upper-division credits (300 level or above)
 - 45 credits in residence (attendance) at Eastern, with at least 15 upper-division credits in major in residence at Eastern
- Minimum Cumulative GPA ≥ 2.0

Breadth Area Core Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationcorerequirementsgecrtext>) (**BACR**)

Humanities and Arts (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#humanitiesandfineartsgecrtext>)
 Natural Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#naturalsciencesgecrtext>)
 Social Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#socialsciencesgecrtext>)

University Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#universitygraduationrequirementstext>) (**UGR**)

Diversity Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#cultureandgenderdiversityintheuslisttext>)
 Foreign Language (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#foreignlanguageugrtext>) (for Bachelor of Arts)
 Global Studies Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#internationalstudiesrequirementtext>)
 Minor or Certificate (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#majorminororcertificateugrtext>)
 Senior Capstone Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#capstonecourselisttext>)

All admitted students must officially Declare a Major (<https://inside.ewu.edu/center-for-academic-advising-and-retention/academic-planning-tools/declare-your-major/>) by the time they reach 90 credits (junior standing).

Application for Graduation (use EagleNET (<https://inside.ewu.edu/eaglenet/>)) must be made at least two terms in advance of the term you expect to graduate (undergraduate and post-baccalaureate).

Use the Catalog Archives (<https://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/>) to determine two important catalog years (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#activecatalogrulettext>).

SOAR (<https://soar.ewu.edu/selfservice/general/home.html>) calculates based on these two catalog years.

1. The catalog *in effect at the student's first term* of current matriculation is used to determine **BACR** (Breadth Area Credit Requirements) and **UGR** (Undergraduate Graduation Requirements).
2. The catalog *in effect at the time the student declares a major or minor* is used to determine the program requirements.

Students who successfully earn a BA in Psychology from EWU should be able to do the following:

- evaluate empirical research in psychology;
- explain how APA's principles of ethics can be applied to a research study in psychology;
- investigate a major theoretical perspective from psychology;
- utilize APA (American Psychological Association) style requirements when writing.