

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

General Admission 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.

Note:

- two years of a single high school world language or one year of a single college-level world 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.

Major Requirements

- To declare psychology as a major, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA \geq 2.0 and completed PSYC 100 or its equivalent with a grade \geq C.
- 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 credits and no more than 30 transfer credits total applied toward the major.
- Students must attain a grade \geq C for each of the required courses:
 - PSYC 100, PSYC 309, PSYC 310, 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 (taking PSYC 309 prior to PSYC 310 is highly recommended. Must receive a grade of C or higher in all required courses.)

PSYC 309	SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLOGY	5
PSYC 310	PSYCHOLOGICAL STATISTICS	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)	
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or PSYC 499 DIRECTED STUDY

PSYC 495	INTERNSHIP (permission required)	
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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)
	or PSYC 201 LIFE-SPAN DEVELOPMENT
	or PSYC 306 ADULT DEVELOPMENT

PSYC 316	HUMAN MEMORY AND COGNITION
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PSYC 324	CONDITIONING AND LEARNING
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PSYC 340	EMOTION AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE
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PSYC 381	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
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PSYC 374	CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY
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PSYC 420	BIOLOGICAL BASIS OF BEHAVIOR
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Cluster B Applied/Lab and Speciality Course Requirements—choose 10-15 at least three of the following

PSYC 314	TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS
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PSYC 317	HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
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PSYC/AAST 319	BLACK PSYCHOLOGY
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PSYC/GWSS 321	CARE AND CUSTODY OF FEMALE OFFENDERS
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PSYC 323	DRUGS AND BEHAVIOR
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PSYC 325	COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE
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PSYC/GWSS 331	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN
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PSYC 359	HUMAN SEXUALITY
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PSYC 408	COLLABORATIVE CARE & BHSS INTERNSHIP PREP
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PSYC 425	PSYCHOLOGY AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM
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PSYC 427	INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS
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PSYC 429	PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY
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PSYC 433	COMPASSION FOCUSED THERAPY
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PSYC 440	HAPPINESS AND POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
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PSYC 450	TRAUMA: THEORY, ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT
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PSYC 452	SOCIAL INFLUENCE
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PSYC 461	INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
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PSYC 470	CHILDHOOD PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND TREATMENT
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PSYC 481	PREJUDICE AND STEREOTYPING
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PSYC 496	EXPERIMENTAL COURSE
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PSYC 497	WORKSHOP, SHORT COURSE, CONFERENCE, SEMINAR (may be counted as a cluster course or elective as approved by the department chair)
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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
or PSYC 491	SENIOR THESIS	
Total		70

Plan of Study

The following plan of study is for a student with zero credits. Individual students may have different factors such as: credit through transfer work, Advanced Placement, Running Start, or any other type of college-level coursework that requires an individual plan.

Courses could be offered in different terms, checking the academic schedule is paramount in keeping an individual plan current. **Students should connect with an advisor to ensure they are on track to graduate.**

All Undergraduate students are required to meet the Undergraduate Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/>).

This major requires the completion of the World Language requirement (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#worldlanguagetext>). Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete two years of a single language in high school or one year of a single language in college.

First Year

Fall Quarter	Credits Winter Quarter	Credits Spring Quarter	Credits
ENGL 101	5 ENGL 201	5 PSYC 201 (Cluster A Elective/Social Science BACR 2)	5
MATH 107 or 121	5 Humanities & Arts BACR 1 ¹	5 Natural Science BACR 1 ¹	5
PSYC 100 (Social Science BACR 1)	5 Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5 Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5
	15	15	15

Second Year

Fall Quarter	Credits Winter Quarter	Credits Spring Quarter	Credits
PSYC 231 (Natural Science BACR 2)	3 Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5 PSYC 202 (Humanities & Arts BACR 2)	5
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	18	15	15

Third Year

Fall Quarter	Credits Winter Quarter	Credits Spring Quarter	Credits
PSYC 309	5 PSYC 310	5 PSYC 321 or 331 (Cluster A/Diversity - graduation requirement)	4-5
Cluster A Elective ²	5 PSYC 374 (Cluster A elective/Global Studies - graduation requirement)	5 PSYC 413	5
Cluster B Elective	5 Cluster B Elective ³	5 PSYC 495, 498, or 499	3
	15	15	12-13

Fourth Year

Fall Quarter	Credits Winter Quarter	Credits Spring Quarter	Credits
PSYC 490 (Senior Capstone - graduation requirement)	6 Cluster B Elective ³	5 Psychology Elective ⁴	4

Psychology Elective ⁴	5 Psychology Elective ⁴	5 Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5
Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5 Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5 Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5
	16	15	14

Total Credits 180-181

¹ University Graduation Requirements (UGR) and Breadth Area Course Requirements (BACR) courses may be less than 5 credits and additional credits may be required to reach the required 180 total credits needed to graduate. Students should connect with an advisor to ensure they are on track to graduate.

² Cluster A Core Course Requirements—choose at least four from the approved list.

³ Cluster B Applied/Lab and Speciality Course Requirements—choose at least three from the approved list.

⁴ Electives—courses used as electives in the major must come from the approved Cluster A or B or Focus Experience list (those not used to meet the minimum cluster requirements).

University Competencies and Proficiencies

English (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#newitemtext>)

Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#mathcompproficienciestext>)

Placement and Clearance (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/placement/>)

Prior Learning/Sources of Credit AP, CLEP, IB (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/prior-learning/>)

General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationrequirements>) (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 (BACR)

Humanities and Arts (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#humanitiesandfineartsgectext>)

Natural Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#naturalsciencesgectext>)

Social Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#socialsciencesgectext>)

University Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#universitygraduationrequirements>) (UGR)

Diversity Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#cultureandgenderdiversityintheuslisttext>)

World Language (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#worldlanguagetext>) (for Bachelor of Arts)

Global Studies Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#internationalstudiesrequirementtext>)

Minor or Certificate (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#majorminororcertificateugrttext>)

Senior Capstone Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#capstonecourselisttext>)

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 (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/>) to determine *two important catalog years*.

Requirements in Degree Works (<https://inside.ewu.edu/records-and-registration/degree-works/>) are based on these two catalog years:

- a. 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).
- b. The catalog *in effect at the time the student declares a major or minor* is used to determine the program requirements.

Students who earn a BA in Psychology from EWU should be able to:

- 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.