

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 or PSYC 498	SEMINAR IN PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR	
PSYC 399 or PSYC 499	DIRECTED STUDY (permission required) 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 or PSYC 201 or PSYC 306	CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT (only one developmental course will count towards the BA) LIFE-SPAN DEVELOPMENT ADULT DEVELOPMENT	
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 at least three of the following**10-15**

PSYC 314	TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS
PSYC 317	HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC/AAST 319	BLACK 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 408	COLLABORATIVE CARE & BHSS INTERNSHIP PREP
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). **6-15**

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 may be offered in different terms and not all courses are offered every term, checking the academic schedule is paramount in keeping an individual plan current. There may be some courses that have required prerequisites not listed in the plan, review the course descriptions for information. **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/#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 (BACR)

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

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