

# PSYCHOLOGY

## College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

### Feller Center-Advising and Career Planning

*Effective Fall 2013 to Fall 2021*

**As a University of Maryland student, you are an informed and active participant in your education. Therefore, you should:**

- Know your benchmark/gateway and degree requirements
- Develop a graduation plan which leads to a timely graduation
- Review your academic audit and evaluate your career planning progress during your junior year
- Take appropriate actions to remove registration blocks and register on time
- Adhere to University and College policies and deadlines
- Be responsible for your academic actions and decisions

**Academic and Career Planning advisors are here to assist you in meeting your educational and professional goals. Therefore, the College is committed to the following:**

- Introducing you to major and University requirements upon your entrance to a BSOS major
- Providing assistance during academic difficulty
- Referring you to helpful campus resources
- Providing academic and career advising throughout your undergraduate career

## Advising Resources

### Feller Center - Advising & Career Planning

*General questions, registration, exceptions to University policy, academic probation, limited enrollment questions, graduation concerns, career planning*

2nd Floor Tydings Hall  
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Advising Email: BSOSAdvising@umd.edu  
Career Planning Email: BSOSCareers@umd.edu

### Department Advising

*Major requirements and courses, registration, internships, career questions, department permission for courses, graduate school planning*

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**Limited Enrollment Program Admission Requirements:** Since Psychology has been designated as a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP), the major requires higher standards than the satisfactory progress benchmarks required in non-LEP majors. Students must meet certain minimum criteria in order to remain in the major or gain access to the major.

#### LEP Enrollment Policies:

- Only one gateway/entrance course may be repeated and may only be repeated once.
- When more than one course can satisfy a gateway requirement, taking a second course from the list will count as a repeat.
- A grade of a W (Withdrawn) in a course is counted as an attempt.
- Students may apply only once to an LEP. Students who choose to leave the major or are directly admitted and fail to meet the review criteria will be dismissed from the major and may not reapply.
- Students in the major must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the major.

**First semester freshmen entering the University as PSYC major:** Students must complete the following requirements **within 45 credits** (not including AP/IB credits) to remain in the major.

- PSYC100 with a grade of B- or higher  
{If AP/IB PSYC100, then PSYC221 with B- or higher}
- BSCI170/171 with a grade of C- or higher
- MATH120, 140 or 136 with a grade of C- or higher (Must be in a major in CMNS-Biological Sciences to take MATH136)

**Students who wish to be PSYC after their first semester:**

Students may submit an application to declare PSYC as a major after completing the LEP admission requirements listed below.

- PSYC100 with a grade of B- or higher  
{If AP/IB PSYC100, then PSYC221 with B- or higher}
- BSCI170/171 with a grade of C- or higher
- MATH120, 140 or 136 with a grade of C- or higher (Must be in a major in CMNS-Biological Sciences to take MATH136)
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.70 in all previous college-level coursework

**\*\* PSYC majors are not permitted to take more than 3 PSYC courses in a given semester.\*\***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

UID: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# PSYCHOLOGY - BA or BS

General Education Requirements				PSYC Major Requirements		
<b>Fundamental Studies</b>				<i>Requirements</i> [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]		
<i>Requirements: 15 credits</i>					Credits	Grade
	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>			
AW: Academic Writing		3				
PW: Professional Writing — Taken after 60 credits		3				
OC: Oral Communication		3				
MA: Fundamental Studies Math	MATH 120 or 140	3				
AR: Analytic Reasoning	PSYC200	3				
<b>Distributive Studies</b>				<b>Gateway Requirements</b>		
<i>Requirements: 25 credits</i>				<b>PSYC100 (B– or higher)</b> {If AP/IB PSYC100, then PSYC221 with B– or higher}		
	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>		3	
NL: Natural Sciences Lab	BSCI170/171*	4		<b>BSCI170/171 (C– or higher)</b>		
NS: Natural Sciences		3/4		<b>MATH120, 140 or 136 with a grade of C– or higher (Must be in a major in CMNS-Biological Sciences to take MATH136)</b>		
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	PSYC100	3				
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HU: Humanities		3				
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SP: Scholarship in Practice (overlap permitted with major requirement)	PSYC300	3				
SP: Scholarship in Practice (must be non-major requirement)		3				
<b>I- Series (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)</b>				<b>Bachelor of Arts Option [Grade of C– or higher]</b>		
<i>Requirements: 6 credits</i>				<b>PSYC200 [PSYC100 &amp; Gateway Math]</b>		
	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>		3	
IS: I-Series		—/3		<b>PSYC300 [PSYC200]</b>		
IS: I-Series		—/3				
<b>Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or I-Series)</b>				<b>PSYC Thematic Courses [Grade of C– or higher]</b> <i>Must take two courses from each of the thematic areas</i> <i>Refer to the department website for specific area courses</i> <a href="http://psychology.umd.edu/ugrad/documents/NewReqCourses.pdf">http://psychology.umd.edu/ugrad/documents/NewReqCourses.pdf</a>		
<i>Requirements: 4–6 credits</i>				Theme I: Mind, Brain & Behavior		
	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>		3	
UP: Understanding Plural Societies		3		Theme I: Mind, Brain & Behavior		
CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies		1–3		Theme II: Mental Health and Interventions		
<b>TOTAL General Education Credits</b>				Theme II: Mental Health and Interventions		
General Education requirements must total at least 40 credits				Theme III: Social, Developmental & Organizational Processes		
<b>Requirements for Graduation:</b>				Theme III: Social, Developmental & Organizational Processes		
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a C– or higher in Academic Writing and all major requirements				<b>PSYC 400 Level Courses [Grade of C– or higher]</b> <i>**May overlap with Thematic Courses**</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a D– or higher in every Gen Ed course except Academic Writing				400 level Non-Lab 1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a 2.0 average in all courses used to satisfy major requirements.				400 level Non-Lab 2		
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300–400 level				400 level Lab 1 {Must have 85 credits}		
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 upper level major credits must be earned at UMD				<b>11 PSYC courses totaling at least 35 credits</b> {Excludes PSYC309A, 309C, 389, 478, or 479}		
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 30 credits must be earned at UMD						
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA in all UMD coursework				<b>Bachelor of Science Option</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a minimum of 120 credits				Students who wish to pursue the Bachelor of Science degree (B.S.) must complete all of the BA requirements and at least three additional non-overlapping courses/10 credits from the list below. Of these three additional courses, one must be a lab course. Course offerings are subject to change, so we recommend that you ask a Psychology Advisor to review your plan to satisfy the B.S.		
				Refer to the department <a href="#">website for BS courses</a>		
				<b>NOTE:</b> A GPA of 2.0 or higher must be obtained in the 17 credit supporting sequence. For example, a grade of “D” may be counted towards the B.S. as long as the student has higher grades (“B” or better) in other classes to compensate for the “D.”		
				BS Advanced Course 1		
				BS Advanced Course 2		
				BS Advanced Course 3 (Lab)		

## PSYCHOLOGY-Graduation Plan

Year 1	Fall		Spring	
Complete your graduation plan!  Gateway Requirements must be completed within your first 45 credits PSYC100 (If AP credit for PSYC100, then PSYC221) (Grade B– or higher) MATH 120 or 140 (Grade C– or higher) BSCI170/171 (Grade C– or higher)	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	ENGL101 (AW: Academic Writing)	3	OC (Oral Communications)	3
	MATH120 or 140 (MA: Math)	3	PSYC200 (AR: Analytic Reasoning)	3
	PSYC100 (HS: History/ Social Sciences )	3	BSCI170/171 (NL: Natural Sciences Lab)	4
	HU (Humanities)*	3	Elective	3
	UNIV100 or BSOS361	1	Elective	3
	Elective	3		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
Year 2	Fall		Spring	
Check in with your advisor regarding your gateway progress! Gateway Requirements must be completed within your first 45 credits PSYC100 (If AP credit for PSYC100, then PSYC221) (Grade B– or higher) MATH120 or 140 (Grade C– or higher) BSCI170/171 (Grade C– or higher)  ** A PSYC Theme course can overlap with the PSYC Multicultural & Diversity Course.	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	HS (History/ Social Sciences)*	3	NS (Natural Sciences) *	3
	HU (Humanities)*	3	UP (Understanding Plural Societies)*	3
	PSYC Theme III**	3	PSYC Theme I**	3
	Elective	3	BS Advanced Course 1/ Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Year 3	Fall		Spring	
When you're between 75—89 credits, watch out for an email from your Advisors regarding your remaining degree requirements!      ** A PSYC Theme course can overlap with the PSYC Multicultural & Diversity Course.	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	PW (Professional Writing)	3	SP (Scholarship in Practice—non major)*	3
	PSYC300 SP (Scholarship in Practice)*	4	PSYC Theme II**	3
	PSYC Theme I**	3	BS Advanced Course 2/ Elective	3
	PSYC Theme III**	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Year 4	Fall		Spring	
Apply for graduation!      ** A PSYC Theme course can overlap with the PSYC Multicultural & Diversity Course.	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	PSYC Theme II**	3	UP/CC (Understanding Plural Societies/Cultural Competency)*	3
	400 level non-lab PSYC Course**	3	400 level PSYC lab course**	4
	BS Advanced Course 3 (lab)/ Elective	3/4	400 level non-lab PSYC Course**	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	2		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>
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**\* Important Planning Notes:**

- All students must take two Distributive Studies courses that will also count for the I-Series requirement. (I-Series are not listed separately in this plan)
- Understanding Plural Societies courses may also fulfill a Distributive Studies category.