

## PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

Students may choose to simply major in psychology without a particular specialization (by completing the Requirements for a Major in Psychology) or may choose to major in psychology with a specialization by completing the requirements for a concentration in Mental Health Services, or Developmental Processes. They may also specialize by completing the requirements for an Interdisciplinary Concentration in Women's Studies.

### Requirements for a Major in Psychology

The Psychology major requires successful completion of 12 courses in Psychology. Four of these courses are specific core requirements; four are from specified areas and the remaining four are electives. At least three courses (nine credits) must be at a 300 and/or 400 level, and all three courses must be taken at Worcester State University. The minimum of 37 credits must include the following four core courses:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		<b>(25 credits)</b>
PS-101	General Psychology	3
PS-275	Psychological Statistics	4
PS-276	Research Methods	3
PS-307	Applied Research Methods	3
Select one course each from four of the five different areas		12
<i>Developmental</i>		
PS-210	Developmental Psychology	
PS-312	Psychology of Adolescence	
PS-322	Psychology of Aging	
<i>Social Psychology</i>		
PS-250	Social Psychology	
PS-252	Applied Social Psychology	
<i>Personality and Abnormal Psychology</i>		
PS-330	Theories of Personality	
PS-335	Abnormal Psychology	
PS-340	Psychological Testing and Measurement	
<i>Learning and Cognition</i>		
PS-325	Psychology of Learning	
PS-345	Cognitive Psychology	
<i>Biopsychosocial Processes</i>		
PS-280	Sensation and Perception	
PS-222	Introduction to Health Psychology	
<b>Psychology electives</b>		<b>(12 credits)</b>
Electives - Choose four elective courses from any of the courses in psychology that are not required and are not counted under the four areas.		12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>37</b>

Students must obtain a C- or higher in all psychology courses that serve as prerequisites for other psychology courses.

### Sample Timetable for Completion of Degree: Psychology

Year One		Credits
<b>Semester One</b>		
LASC	First-Year Seminar (FYS)	3
EN-101	College Writing I	3
PS-101	General Psychology	3
LASC	LASC Elective (USW)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (GP)	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Two</b>		
EN-102	College Writing II	3
LASC	LASC Elective (CON)	3
PS-2XX	PS Major Elective (Not PS-205)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (QR)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (TLC)	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Semester Three</b>		
PS-2XX	PS Major Elective	3
PS-2XX	PS Major Elective	3
LASC	LASC Elective (NSP)	4
LASC	LASC Elective (GP)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (HBS)	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Semester Four</b>		
PS-276	Research Methods	3
PS-275	Psychological Statistics	4
LASC	LASC Elective (NSP)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (TLC)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (CA)	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Semester Five</b>		
PS-307	Applied Research Methods	3
PS-1XX+	PS Major Elective	3
LASC	LASC Elective (HBS)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (ICW)	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Six</b>		
PS-1XX+	PS Major Elective	3
PS-1XX+	PS Major Elective	3
PS-1XX+	PS Major Elective	3
PS-1XX+	PS Major Elective	3
LASC	LASC Elective (CA)	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Four</b>		
<b>Semester Seven</b>		
LASC/PS	Capstone	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
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<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Semester Eight**

PS-1XX+	PS Major Elective	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
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<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>122</b>

Students are required to meet with their department advisor to review their upcoming semester academic choices. A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation. Freshmen and transfer students with 45 or fewer credits at the time of admission shall complete two academic programs (a major/major or major/minor) to qualify for graduation. For more information, please view the MajorPlus section of this catalog.