

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 an Interdisciplinary Concentration in Women's Studies. They may also choose to minor in Psychology or Human Development.

Requirements for a Major in Psychology

The Psychology major requires successful completion of 14 courses in Psychology. Six 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.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements (16 credits)		
PS-101	General Psychology	3
PS-275	Psychological Statistics	4
PS-276	Research Methods	3
PS-307	Applied Research Methods	3
Diversity Requirement		
PS-362	Psychology of Prejudice and Discrimination	
or PS-363	Psychology of Women	
or PS-361	Psychology of Human Sexuality	
Capstone Requirement		
PS-450	Capstone: Contemporary Issues in Psychology	3
or PS-492	Capstone Seminar in Mental Health Services: Transition to Practice	
Area Requirements (12 credits)		
Select one course each from four of the five different areas		12
Developmental		
PS-210	Developmental Psychology	
or PS-312	Psychology of Adolescence	
or PS-322	Psychology of Aging	
Social Psychology		
PS-250	Social Psychology	
or PS-252	Applied Social Psychology	
Personality and Abnormal Psychology		
PS-240	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology (or PS 335)	
or PS-330	Theories of Personality	
or PS-340	Psychological Testing and Measurement	
Learning and Cognition		
PS-325	Psychology of Learning	
or PS-345	Cognitive Psychology	
Biopsychosocial Processes		
PS-222	Introduction to Health Psychology	
or PS-230	Brain and Behavior	
or PS-280	Sensation and Perception	
Psychology electives (12 credits)		
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

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
Semester One		
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 (CON)	3
Credits		15
Semester Two		
EN-102	College Writing II	3
PS-2XX	PS Major Area	3
PS-2XX	PS Major Area (Not PS-276)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (QR)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (TLC)	3
Credits		15
Year Two		
Semester Three		
PS-275	Psychological Statistics	4
PS-2XX	PS Major Area	3
PS Diversity Requirement		3
LASC	LASC Elective (GP)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (USW)	3
Credits		16
Semester Four		
PS-276	Research Methods	3
PS-2XX	PS Major Area	3
PS-2XX	PS Major Elective	3
LASC	LASC Elective (NSP)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (TLC)	3
Credits		15
Year Three		
Semester Five		
PS-307	Applied Research Methods	3
PS-3XX	PS Major Area	3
PS-3XX	PS Major Elective	3
LASC	LASC Elective (HBS)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (ICW)	3
Credits		15
Semester Six		
PS-1XX+	PS Major Elective	3
PS-1XX+	PS Major Elective	3
LASC	LASC Elective (NSP)	4
SELECT	General Elective	3
LASC	LASC Elective (CA)	3
Credits		16
Year Four		
Semester Seven		
PS-4XX	Capstone	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
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Credits		15
Semester Eight		
SELECT	General Elective	3
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Credits		15
Total Credits		122

Students are required to meet with their academic advisor to review their courses for the upcoming semester. A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation. First-year 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.