



PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

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Psychology is defined as the science of mental processes and behavior. The Department of Psychology offers both a major and a minor in psychology. The courses that comprise the psychology major are designed to acquaint the student with the systematic and quantitative demands of scientific thought, as well as to ensure that students will be able to comprehend human behavior from cognitive, environmental, and biological perspectives. The Department intends that a major will, upon completion of his or her program:

1. *Have developed a conceptual framework that includes important psychological facts, principles and theories.*
2. *Understand biological factors as they mediate human thought, emotion and behavior.*
3. *Be able to use critical thinking to analyze human behavior recognizing behavior as the product of antecedents and consequents.*
4. *Have developed quantitative reasoning skills to level enabling organization and analysis of data from survey, field or laboratory research.*
5. *Have mastered use of computer technology in the execution and/or presentation of research findings.*
6. *Have developed oral presentation skills incorporating APA style elements for presentation of psychological findings.*
7. *Have developed writing skills incorporating APA style elements for the presentation of psychological findings.*
8. *Have developed cooperative learning skills by working productively in groups providing leadership for task completion.*
9. *Have mastered information gathering and synthesizing skills related to a psychological topic.*
10. *Be able to connect knowledge from several subfields in psychology to address a large question, and*
11. *Be able to appreciate the uniqueness of individuals based on learning historical, biological and cultural differences.*

Beyond the pedagogical goals cited above, the curriculum is designed to provide introductory courses for the College's general education requirements, and a few collateral courses supplementing other major programs.

In order to graduate with Honors in Psychology, the student must fulfill the following requirements:

1. *graduate with minimum 3.50 GPA in psychology courses*
2. *be a member of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology*
3. *complete satisfactorily a senior thesis*
4. *present at least one paper at an off-campus regional or national conference or have a publication in a refereed journal.*

Both PSY 112 and PSY 113 must be completed before a student will be permitted to declare a major in psychology. Majors are strongly urged to take a biology course, either BIO 108 or BIO 114/115, and MAT 114 Elementary Statistics to complete general education requirements. No more than six credit hours of PSY 398 Independent Study may be counted towards meeting major requirements and only three credit hours from 200 level electives may be counted toward the major. Majors must earn a grade of C- or better in all psychology needed to satisfy major requirements. PSY 422 or PSY 431 must be taken while enrolled at Westminster. Graduation with a psychology major at Westminster will require that a student complete at least 20 hrs. of Westminster psychology courses with grades of C- or higher.

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Student's Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Advisor	Date Major Declared
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Course #	Title of Course	Hours Completed	Semester Completed	Grade
Required Courses (12 hrs):				
PSY 112	Psychology as a Natural Science	3		
PSY 113	Psychology as a Social Science	3		
PSY 270	Research Tools	3		
PSY 274	Methods in Experimental Psychology	3		
Four of the Following, with AT LEAST ONE from each list (12 hrs):				
List One:				
PSY 310	Social Psychology	3		
PSY 312	Developmental Psychology	3		
PSY 315	Psychology of Personality	3		
PSY 390	Abnormal Psychology	3		
List Two:				
PSY 290	Biological Psychology	3		
PSY 320	Memory and Cognition	3		
PSY 370	Sensation and Perception	3		
Two of the following Laboratories (2 hrs):				
PSY 311	Social Psychology Laboratory	1		
PSY 313	Developmental Laboratory	1		
PSY 316	Personality Laboratory	1		
PSY 321	Memory and Cognition Laboratory	1		
PSY 371	Sensation and Perception Laboratory	1		
A Senior Capstone Course or Courses (3-6 hrs):				
PSY 422	Senior Seminar	3		
<u>Or</u> both				
PSY 430	Pre-Thesis and	3		
PSY 431	Senior Thesis	3		
Three Psychology electives- 9 hrs (6 hrs must be upper level)				
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Total hours (38-41 hrs)				

If any substitutions of waivers of requirements are allowed, please list below and initial.

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