

# PSYCHOLOGY

## College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

*For students enrolled as freshmen in Fall 2013 or after, or new transfer students outside the University System of Maryland and Maryland community colleges*

### BSOS Expectations of Students

As a University of Maryland student, you are an informed and active participant in your education. Therefore, the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences expects that you:

- Know your benchmark/gateway and degree requirements
- Develop a graduation plan which leads to a timely graduation
- Complete an academic audit 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

### Student Expectations of BSOS

Academic advisors are committed to assist you in meeting your educational 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 when needed
- Providing advising throughout your academic career

## Advising Resources

### BSOS Advising

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

2148 Tydings Hall  
(301) 405-1697  
bsosadvising@umd.edu

### Department Advising

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

1107 Biology-Psychology Building  
(301) 405-5866  
psycadvising@umd.edu

**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.
- A grade of a W (Withdrawn) in a course is counted as an attempt.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.

- PSYC 100 with a grade of **B-** or higher  
{If AP/IB PSYC 100, then PSYC 221 with **B-** or higher}
- BSCI 105 with a grade of **C-** or higher
- BA Option: MATH 220, 130 or 140 with a grade of **C-** or higher
- BS Option: MATH 130 or 140 with a grade of **C-** or higher

#### 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.

- PSYC 100 with a grade of **B-** or higher  
{If AP/IB PSYC 100, then PSYC 221 with **B-** or higher}
- BSCI 105 with a grade of **C-** or higher
- BA Option: MATH 220, 130 or 140 with a grade of **C-** or higher
- BS Option: MATH 130 or 140 with a grade of **C-** or higher
- 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.\*\***

# PSYCHOLOGY - BACHELOR OF ARTS or SCIENCE

General Education Requirements (Fall 2012 and later)				PSYC Major Requirements		
<b>Fundamental Studies</b>				<i>Requirements</i> [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]	Credits	Grade
<i>Requirements: 15 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<b>Gateway Requirements</b>		
AW: Academic Writing	ENGL101	3		PSYC100 (B– or higher) {If AP/IB PSYC 100, then PSYC 221 with B– or higher}	—/3	
PW: Professional Writing — Taken after 60 credits		3		BSCI 105 (C– or higher) **	—	
OC: Oral Communication		3		BA Option: MATH 220 [113], 130[115] or 140 [115] (C– or higher) *	—	
MA: Fundamental Studies Math	*	3		BS Option: 130[115] or 140 [115] (C– or higher) *	—	
AR: Analytic Reasoning	PSYC200	3		<b>Bachelor of Arts Option [Grade of C– or higher]</b>		
<b>Distributive Studies</b>				PSYC 200	3	
<i>Requirements: 25 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	PSYC 300	4	
NL: Natural Sciences Lab	**	4		<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>		
NS: Natural Sciences		3/4		Theme I: Mind, Brain & Behavior	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	PSYC100	3		Theme I: Mind, Brain & Behavior	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences		3		Theme II: Mental Health and Interventions	3	
HU: Humanities		3		Theme II: Mental Health and Interventions	3	
HU: Humanities		3		Theme III: Social, Developmental & Organizational Processes	3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (overlap permitted with major requirement)	PSYC300	3		Theme III: Social, Developmental & Organizational Processes	3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (must be non-major requirement)		3		<b>PSYC 400 Level Courses [Grade of C– or higher]</b> <i>**May overlap with Thematic Courses**</i>		
<b>I- Series (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)</b>				400 level Non-Lab 1	3	
<i>Requirements: 6 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	400 level Non-Lab 2	3	
IS: I-Series		—/3		400 level Lab 1 {Must have 85 credits}	4	
IS: I-Series		—/3		<b>11 PSYC courses totaling at least 35 credits</b> {Excludes PSYC 309A, 309C, 389, 478, or 479}	35	
<b>Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or I-Series)</b>				<b>Bachelor of Science Option</b> <i>In addition to completing the BA Option requirements:</i> <i>- A total of 5 Math and Science courses must be taken. These include the Gateway/Entrance math and lab science requirement.</i> <i>- 2 of the 5 BS courses must be labs and 3 of the 5 must be Advanced Courses.</i> <i>- 2.0 average among five courses are required.</i> <i>- Refer to the department website for BS courses:</i> <a href="http://psychology.umd.edu/ugrad/bsdegree.html">http://psychology.umd.edu/ugrad/bsdegree.html</a>		
<i>Requirements: 4–6 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	BS Advanced Course 1		
UP: Understanding Plural Societies		3		BS Advanced Course 2		
CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies		1–3		BS Advanced Course 3		
<b>TOTAL General Education Credits</b>						
General Education requirements must total at least 40 credits						
<b>Requirements for Graduation:</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a D– or higher in each course used to complete CORE/GenEd						
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a C– or higher in each course required for the major						
<input type="checkbox"/> Students starting UMD Fall 2012 or later must earn a 2.0 average in all courses used to satisfy major requirements.						
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300-400 level						
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 upper level major credits must be earned at UMD						
<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						
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a minimum of 120 credits						

\* Will be fulfilled by completing your Gateway Math Requirement

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## PSYCHOLOGY-Four Year Academic 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 220 or 140 Grade C- or higher BSCI 105 Grade C- or higher	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	ENGL101 (AW: Academic Writing)	3	OC (Oral Communications)	3
	MA (Math) Based on Math Placement/Gateway	3	PSYC200 (AR: Analytic Reasoning)	3
	PSYC100 (HS: History/ Social Sciences )	3	NL (Natural Sciences Lab) Will be satisfied by Gateway Science Course	4
	HU (Humanities)*	3	Elective	3
	UNIV100	1	Elective	3
	Elective	3		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
Year 2	Fall		Spring	
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	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	
Complete an academic audit (review of academic record) between 75—89 credits!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	PW (Professional Writing)	3	SP (Scholarship in Practice—non major)*	3
	PSYC 300 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!	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/ Elective	3	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>

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<b>Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>
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	MATH140 (MA: Math)	3	PSYC200 (AR: Analytic Reasoning)	3
	PSYC100 (HS: History/ Social Sciences )	3	BSCI105 (NL: Natural Sciences Lab)	4
	HU (Humanities)*	3	Elective	3
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	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/ Elective	3	400 level non-lab PSYC Course	3
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