

# PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR CHECKLIST

## EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2023

**PLEASE NOTE:** (P) INDICATES PREREQUISITES REQUIRED PRIOR TO ENROLLING IN A GIVEN COURSE

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### **REQUIRED COURSES FOR ALL MAJORS**

These courses provide a foundation in the major domains of psychology and an introduction to research methods.

- \_\_\_ PSY 101 – Introduction to Psychology – 3 credits
  - \_\_\_ PSY 210 – Psychological Statistics – 4 credits (P: 101; Quantitative Literacy Part A: Math 102, 103, 105, 108, 111, or 116)
  - \_\_\_ PSY 254 – Physiological Psychology – 3 credits (P: PSY 101)
  - \_\_\_ PSY 325 – Research Methods in Psychology – 4 credits (P: C or better in PSY 101 and PSY 210; Oral & Written Communication Part A – C or better in English 102 or equivalent)
  
  - \_\_\_ **One Additional, Discipline-Specific Introductory Course in Psychology from the Alternatives Below** (all 3 credits):
    - \_\_\_ PSY 205 – Personality (P: 101)
    - \_\_\_ PSY 211 – Current Topics (P: 101)
    - \_\_\_ PSY 214 – Conditioning and Learning (P: 101)
    - \_\_\_ PSY 220 – Cognitive Psychology (P: 101)
    - \_\_\_ PSY 230 – Social Psychology (P: 101)
    - \_\_\_ PSY 260 – Child Psychology (P: 101)
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### **UPPER-LEVEL COURSES – COMPLETE OPTION A OR B.**

- \_\_\_ **Option A – Complete 3 Foundations and Systems courses AND 2 Advanced Laboratory Courses**
- \_\_\_ **Option B – Complete 4 Foundations and Systems courses AND 1 Advanced Laboratory Course**

**PLEASE NOTE:** <sup>NS</sup> denotes Advanced Natural Science; \* denotes that some classes count as Advanced Natural Science (check course listing for details): BS requires 30 Adv. Natural Science credits (not just in Psych). Does not apply to BA.

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### **FOUNDATIONS AND SYSTEMS COURSES** (all 3 credits, 611 is 1-4 credits – check catalog for details; Jr = prerequisite of junior standing)

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| ___ PSY 319 – LGBTQ Psychology (P: 101, Jr)                                       | ___ PSY 555 – Health Psychology (P: 254 or consent)   |
| ___ PSY 320 – Psychology of Gender (P: 101, Jr)                                   | ___ PSY 578 – Race, Ethnicity, & Health (P: 101, Jr)  |
| ___ PSY 407 – Personality Theory (P: 205)   | ___ PSY 610 <sup>NS</sup> – Experimental Design (P: 210, Jr)  |
| ___ PSY 412 – Abnormal Psychology (P: 101)  | ___ PSY 611 * – Current Topics (P: Jr + see course details)<br>(e.g., Cannabis and the Brain, Neurobiology of Stress) |
| ___ PSY 433 <sup>NS</sup> – Neuropsychology (P: 254 or consent)                   | ___ PSY 627 <sup>NS</sup> – Cognitive Neuroscience (P: 210, 254, Jr)  |
| ___ PSY 454 <sup>NS</sup> – Psychopharmacology & Addiction<br>(P: 254 or consent) | ___ PSY 630 <sup>NS</sup> – Cellular & Molecular Neuro (P: 254, Jr)   |
| ___ PSY 503 <sup>NS</sup> – Perception (P: 9 credits in Psych, Jr)                | ___ PSY 645 <sup>NS</sup> – Hormones & Behavior (P: 254, Jr)  |
| ___ PSY 510 <sup>NS</sup> – Advanced Psych Stats (P: 210, Jr)                     | ___ PSY 657 <sup>NS</sup> – Neurobiology of Learning & Memory (P: Jr)   |
| ___ PSY 540 – Clinical Psych: Science & Practice (P: Jr)                          | ___ PSY 680 <sup>NS</sup> – Psych of Aging (P: 325, Jr)   |
| ___ PSY 550 – History of Psych (P: 9 credits in Psych, Jr)                        | ___ PSY 682 <sup>NS</sup> – The Aging Brain (P: 254, Jr)  |

### **ADVANCED LABORATORY COURSES** (all 4 credits)

These courses provide first-hand laboratory experience with research techniques in a particular area of psychology.

- \_\_\_ **NOTE:** To enroll in an Advanced Lab, you must pass PSY 325 (i.e., letter grade of D- or better).
  
- \_\_\_ PSY 502 – Applied Behavior Analysis (P: 325, Jr)
- \_\_\_ PSY 505 – Cognitive Processes (P: 325, Jr)
- \_\_\_ PSY 514 – Conditioning and Learning (P: 325, Jr)
- \_\_\_ PSY 623 <sup>NS</sup> – Perceptual Processes (P: 325, Jr)
- \_\_\_ PSY 654 <sup>NS</sup> – Adv. Physiological Psych (P: 254, 325, Jr)
- \_\_\_ PSY 656 <sup>NS</sup> – Psychophysiology (P: 254 r, 325, Jr)
- \_\_\_ PSY 660 – Experimental Child Psych (P: 260 r, 325, Jr)
- \_\_\_ PSY 677 – Experimental Social Psych (P: 230 r, 325, Jr)

## **DECLARATION OF THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Complete PSY 101 and at least 15 university credits.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Read the Undergraduate Program Handbook and complete the corresponding Online Quiz.** You must complete the quiz before declaring your major. A record will be sent automatically to Psychology Department staff when the quiz has been completed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Complete the Online Declaration of Major Form.**

Links to the Handbook, Quiz, and Declaration of Major Form can be found here:

<https://uwm.edu/psychology/undergraduate/declare-major-minor/>

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## **ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Credits:** Complete at least 32 credits in Psychology, including at least 15 credits at the 300-level or higher at UWM.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Point Average (GPA):** You must have an average GPA of at least 2.0 in all courses in the major.  
Transfer Students – The Psychology GPA is calculated twice. Once based on grades in psychology classes taken here at UWM and again based on *all* of your psychology classes (from UWM and from other institutions).  
Here is a link to a calculator that can be used to calculate the GPA: <https://web.uwm.edu/registrar/tools/gpa>
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## **ADVISING**

- \_\_\_\_\_ It is recommended that you meet regularly (at least once per year, but more often, as needed) with your advisors to ensure that you remain on track to graduate and to plan effectively for what comes next (e.g., the job market, graduate school).
- General Advising and Degree Requirements – Meet with your primary advisor (e.g., in the College of Letters and Science) to plan your schedule and to make sure that you are meeting college and university-wide requirements for graduation.

Students in the College of Letters & Science can find these requirements here:

<https://uwm.edu/letters-science/advising/degree-requirements/ls-degree-requirements-fall-2013-current/>

Schedule appointments with your Primary (e.g., Letters & Science) Advisor using Navigate:

[https://uwm.edu/academicaffairs/academic\\_priorities/student-success/navigate/](https://uwm.edu/academicaffairs/academic_priorities/student-success/navigate/)

- Psychology-Specific Advising – Once you've declared the major, an email will be sent to you from your assigned Psychology Faculty Advisor. Meet with your Psychology Advisor to discuss program-specific information (e.g., classes in Psychology, graduate school in Psychology, career paths in Psychology).

**NOTE:** Appointments with your Psychology Advisor must be made using email; you cannot schedule an appointment with your Psychology Advisor in Navigate.

Contact information for Psychology Department Faculty can be found here:

<https://uwm.edu/psychology/our-people/all-psychology-faculty/>

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION (QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS)**

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