Psychology Major Requirements (effective Fall 2013)

12 units (10 in Psychology and 2 supporting courses)¹

Four units of required core courses:
_____ PSYC 100, Introduction to Psychology (1 unit, offered every semester)
_____ PSYC 161, Research Methods & Statistics I (1 unit, offered every semester)
_____ PSYC 162, Research Methods & Statistics II (1 unit, offered every semester)

and one of the following:
_____ PSYC 300, Perspectives in Psychology, Past and Present (1 unit, offered once a year, CAP)
_____ PSYC 325, Psychology Practicum (1 unit, offered once a year, LAP1)

One unit in developmental psychology:
_____ PSYC 210, Life-Span Developmental Psychology (1 unit, usually in the fall, LAP1)
_____ PSYC 215, Child Growth and Development (1 unit, usually in the spring, LAP1)
_____ PSYC 225, Psychology of Women (1 unit, once every three years, LAP1)

One unit in experimental psychology:
_____ PSYC 230, Physiological Psychology (1 unit, usually once a year)
_____ PSYC 235, Sensation and Perception (1 unit, usually once a year)
_____ PSYC 240, Memory and Cognition (1 unit, usually once a year)

One unit in personality or abnormal psychology:
_____ PSYC 250, Personality Psychology (1 unit, usually once a year)
_____ PSYC 252, Psychological Disorders (1 unit, usually once a year)

One unit in social or cultural psychology:
_____ PSYC 260, Principles of Social Psychology (1 unit, usually in the fall)
_____ PSYC 265, Cross-Cultural Psychology (1 unit, usually in the spring)

One unit from the following capstone seminars:
_____ PSYC 310, Developmental Psychopathology (1 unit, CAP)
_____ PSYC 315, Pediatric Psychology (1 unit, CAP)
_____ PSYC 360, Advanced Social Psychology (1 unit, CAP)
_____ PSYC 375, Psychotherapy and Psychological Testing (1 unit, CAP)
_____ PSYC 385, Advanced Topics in Psychology (1 unit, offered occasionally, CAP)

One additional elective unit in psychology.
_____ PSYC ____________, elective unit taken at Beloit or transferred in

Two units of supporting courses from other departments¹²
_____ 1 unit in the biological or chemical aspects of behavior
_____ 1 unit in philosophical or sociocultural approaches to issues relevant to psychologists
   (see other side for approved courses fulfilling these requirements)

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**Approved supporting courses in biological or chemical aspects of behavior**

ANTH 120 – The Human Animal
ANTH 320 – Primate Social Behavior & Ecology
BIOL 110 – Human Biology
BIOL 111 – Zoology
BIOL 201 – Biological Issues
BIOL 215 – Emerging Diseases
BIOL 217 – Evolution
BIOL 289 – Genetics
BIOL 340 – Animal Behavior
CHEM 127 – Biochemical Issues (if topics are: Nutrition, Nerve Signaling, or Consciousness)
CHEM 300 – Biochemistry

**Approved supporting courses in philosophical or sociocultural approaches**

ANTH 100 – Society and Culture
ANTH 206 – Social and Cultural Theory
ANTH 252 – Language and Culture
ANTH 304 – Women, Culture, and Society
ANTH 305 – Gender and Culture
ANTH 306 – Race and Culture
IDST 292 – Technology and Cognition
IDST 273 – AI in Fact and Fiction
PHIL 205 – Modern Philosophy
PHIL 221 – Biomedical Ethics
PHIL 230 – Philosophy of Science
PHIL 238 – 19th Century Philosophy
PHIL 241 – Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 250 – Chinese Philosophy
PHIL 260 – Race Theory
SOCI 210 – Families in Transition
SOCI 220 – Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
SOCI 225 – Sociology of Sex and Gender
SOCI 255 – Identity, Self, and Society
SOCI 275 – Health, Medical Care, and Society
SOCI 280 – Social Deviance
WGST 150 – Introduction to Women’s Studies
WGST 155 – Introduction to Gender Studies
WGST 165 – Topics in Women’s and Gender Studies: Sex and Power
WGST 252 – Women’s Health

1 To have courses from another institution count towards the major, fill out a “Request Form” and submit it to the department chair. Please include supporting material (i.e., course description, course syllabus) to help us evaluate your request.

2 Other courses at Beloit may count towards this requirement with approval from the department.

**Notes about requirements:**

1. You may substitute BIOL 247 (Biometrics) for PSYC 161.
2. Complete your supporting courses by the end of your junior year (sooner is better).
3. You may take up to 3 units of psychology at another college/university and apply those credits toward your psychology requirements with permission from the department. Check with the Registrar and your advisor before enrolling. PSYC 162 (Research Methods and Statistics II) must be taken at Beloit.
4. We encourage you to elect courses that are designed to improve your communication skills (e.g., WRIT 200: Writing Practicum, TDMS 101: Public Address). We also recommend that you learn how to use computers beyond word processing (e.g., Excel for spreadsheets; SPSS, JMP for data analysis).
5. Many graduate programs expect students to have participated in research as undergraduates. If you plan to attend graduate school, you should discuss research opportunities with your faculty advisor during your sophomore or junior year.