DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW IN WWU PSYCH
WWU PSYCHOLOGY 2020-21

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#### TWO 400–level Content Seminars (WP2)

ONE from TWO different content areas

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#### Block C: ONE 400–level Capstone Seminar (WP1)

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THREE 300-level courses
ONE from Block A: PSY 310-397U, ONE from Block B: PSY 334-359, and ONE from Block A or Block B or Block C: PSY 375-378

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<td>376 Psychology of Romantic Relationships</td>
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2020-21 Psychology and Human Development Major Declaration

To declare a 2020-21 major, a psychology pre-major must have:

- Successfully completed or be currently enrolled in PSY 301;
- Achieved a WWU GPA (based on at least 12 credits) of 2.70 or higher. A GPA of 3.0 or higher in Western PSY courses, including PSY 301, may substitute for the cumulative 2.70 GPA.

Beginning the third week of fall, winter, and spring quarter, students who have successfully declared a psychology pre-major and meet all the above major requirements may declare a 2020-21 major:

Spring '21 Declaration Opens April 12

Psychology Dept. Homepage, Canvas Announcement, Email Declaration Submission DUE Wed, April 28
75 Credit Major

- 5 @ 100-level
  - Intro Psych equivalent
  - AP = 3+
- 30 @ 200-level
  - Cognition
  - Behavioral Neuroscience (Psychopharmacology)
  - Lifespan Developmental (not Child Development)
  - Social
  - Abnormal
- 15 @ 300-level Sequence
  - Overview of Research Methods
  - 306 Correlational Approaches
  - 307 Experimental Approaches
- 25 @ 300- and 400-level
  - 297A/203 Research Methods
  - 305 Scientific Thinking & Writing
  - No Capstone
Major application available fall, winter, and spring
- PSY 101, Research Methods; two PSY 200-levels
  - One PSY 200-level currently enrolled/completed @ WWU
  - Competitive GPA
    - Cumulative DTA or WWU GPA; Psych GPA
      - DTA GPA accepted before WWU GPA established
      - Psych GPA = average of completed 200-level psych courses

20 upper-division credits still needed for graduation
- Minors encouraged

PSY 297A/203 replaces one 300-level elective requirement
Indicate HD major when applying
HD-specific Major Quiz coming soon
What is PSY 297A/203?

Introduction to research methods in psychology. Major topics include the principles of empirical science, sampling, research design, and ethical issues in research.

• **PSY 297A Research Methods + PSY 305* = PSY 301**
  
  *PSY 305: A new 15-students psych thinking and writing focused course available Fall ’21

• **Two 85-seat sections offered Spring ’21**

• **Fulfills major, minor elective, & grad school req**

• **Equivalent to PSYC 209 from:**
  
  • Shoreline, EvCC, Bellevue, Cascadia
  • Please contact Rochelle.Robinson@wwu.edu to have a Research Methods course evaluated for equivalency

• **Pre-rec for major application**
WHO SHOULD TAKE PSY 297A/203?

- Psych Interests with:
  - PSY 101
  - 45+ completed credits
  - Who do not have an in-progress/completed grade of EP/C- or + in PSY 301

- Minors

- Students interested in pursuing grad study in Psych

Beginning fall ‘21 PSY 203 will become a natural pre-req, which means in must be COMPLETE, with a grade of C- or +, before applying to the new major. Exceptions include:

- Transfer students in their first quarter @ WWU
- Pre-majors who didn’t pass PSY 301 winter/spring ’21
  - Pre-majors on current academic leave

Digital Exception Form will be available on the Psych website early fall ‘21
2021-22 New Major Prerequisites

1. Completion (including current class enrollment) of at least 90 credits;
2. Completion of at least 20 PSY credits (with a C- or better) by the end of the current quarter, including completion of PSY 101 and PSY 297A/203*, and completion/current enrollment in two courses from PSY 210, 220, 230, 240, and 250, or transfer credit for those courses as indicated on the Transfer Equivalency Report. At least 5 200-level PSY credits taken at Western;
3. Achieved a Western GPA (based on at least 12 credits) of 2.60 or higher**. In the absence of a Western GPA, a GPA of 2.60 or higher from an equivalent four-year institution (based on at least 12 credits) or a cumulative GPA from a completed Associates degree may substitute for the Western GPA. A psych GPA (based on an average of two or more 200-level major-required psych courses*) may substitute for a cumulative GPA.

* Exception for current enrollment in PSY 297A/203 accepted spring ’21 and on a case-by-case basis.

** GPA minimum requirement will increase from a 2.6 to 2.7 beginning fall ’21.

Please note: The new major application portal is only open during the third and fourth weeks of fall, winter, and spring quarter. Application is unavailable summer quarter.

Spring ’21 Application: April 12-23
Major Application Quiz

The Major Application Quiz* offers students interested in applying to WWU's new psychology and human development majors an opportunity to test their Department and University knowledge.

The quiz is comprised of 12 questions pertaining to general information that can be gained by reviewing the current University Catalog and major checklists. Though there is only ONE correct answer to each question, the intention of this quiz is to eliminate surprises as students pursue their major. It is not scary, you cannot fail it; however, not paying close enough attention to the info provided WILL increase confusion later on. Therefore, answer to the best of your ability and then pay close attention to the correct answers.

*Remember: This quiz must be completed before your new major application can be evaluated. The application portal will be open from Monday, April 12 at 8:30AM to Friday, April 23 at 5PM.

Due April 23
2021-22 APPLICATION REMINDERS

Requirements to Declare the New 2021-22 Majors

Students intending to declare a major in psychology or human development must first meet all prerequisites. The Psychology Department is highly impacted, meaning the number of students wishing to declare exceeds the space available. As a result, admission will be determined each quarter on a space-available basis based on GPA, ranked from high to low.

Applicants are also required to complete the Major Application Quiz prior to having their application evaluated, which will be made available on Canvas the third week of each quarter. The new major application portal will be open during weeks three and four of fall, winter, and spring quarter via the Psychology Department website.

Applications DUE Fri, April 23 by 5PM
Notifications will be sent by end-of-day Wed, April 28

We anticipate a 3.0+ GPA cutoff, possibly as high as 3.3.
Psychology and Human Development Major Declaration Spring ’21

Please select two content areas you are most interested in:

- Cognition
- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Developmental
- Social
- School Counseling
- Mental Health Counseling
- Clinical Research
- User Experience Design
- Sport Psychology
- Cross-Cultural
- Other...
WHAT IS PSY 305?

Introduction to writing and critical thinking in psychology. Students will learn how to read, analyze, and produce psychological writing, how to effectively communicate psychological research, and how to identify gaps in research to be investigated. Final project will be a literature review (WP2).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Critically evaluate psychological science issues and problems:
  - Explain issue/problem comprehensively
  - Employ evidence in conducting a comprehensive analysis
  - Attend to questions of cultural relevance, diversity, and inclusion when presenting a position
  - Thoughtfully consider major alternative points of view
  - Draw warranted, judicious, non-fallacious conclusions
  - Effectively communicate critical evaluation through analytic writing and discussion
- Find scientific articles using scholarly databases
- Identify a gap in the scholarly literature and formulate a hypothesis
- Uphold the standards of ethical conduct and ethics of care and respect expected
- Recognize the potential to apply psych science to society’s needs & problems
HOW ARE PSY 306 & 307 NEW?

• 306
  • Overview of statistical methods, the essential tools for conducting most psychological research. With an emphasis on survey design and measured data (rather than experimentally manipulated) variables, students will learn to describe variables, draw graphs, and analyze relationships between variables. Topics include bivariate and multivariate correlation and regression, sampling distributions and Z-scores, and hypothesis testing. Empirical survey data will be collected and analyzed.
  • More initial overview to connect back to PSY 297A/203

• 307
  • Review of experimental methodology in psychology, and a continuation of statistics introduced in PSY 306 as they apply to comparisons between groups. Computer-based data analysis will be utilized for problem sets and to analyze an experimental research project.
  • No more WP attribute
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR FLOWCHART

SPRING 2021
Guide for Fall 2021 Phase I Registration

Start

1. I AM A DECLARED PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR...
   - Enroll in PSY 400-L seminars

2. I have completed PSY 481/2
   - Enroll in +1 PSY 300-L to replace 481/2 + PSY 400-L seminars

3. I have completed PSY 303
   - Enroll in PSY 307 + PSY 300-L

4. I have completed PSY 302
   - Enroll in PSY 307 + PSY 300-L

5. I have completed PSY 301 with a C- or better
   - Enroll in PSY 203*

6. I am enrolled in PSY 301
   - Enroll in PSY 306 + PSY 300-L

7. I am enrolled in PSY 307
   - Enroll in PSY 307 + PSY 300-L

8. I am enrolled in PSY 302
   - Enroll in PSY 307 + PSY 300-L

9. I am enrolled in PSY 303
   - Enroll in PSY 307 + PSY 300-L

10. I am also enrolled in PSY 481/2
    - Enroll in PSY 400-L seminars

11. Enroll in +1 PSY 300-L to replace 481/2 + PSY 400-L seminars

Key Terms

- PSY: Psychology
- PSY 203: A new research methods course; one half of PSY 301*
- PSY 306: The new 302
- PSY 300: The new 303
- PSY 300-L: 300-Level Block A, B, and C courses (see Major Checklist for details)
- PSY 400-L: 400-Level seminars (see Major Checklist for details)
- PSY 481/2: The former major capstone not required after Spring 21

*Contact Rochelle.Robinson@wwu.edu
# Psychology Minor Checklist

**2021-22 Credit Requirements:** 24 Credits *(50% earned at WWU; 50% may overlap with other minors)*

**Grade Requirements:** Grades of C- or better are required for all minor coursework.

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