NEW PSYCH MAJOR

FALL A&R: HOW TO MAJOR

2021-2022
75 Credit Major

- 5 @ 100-level
  - Intro Psych equivalent
  - AP = 3+
- 30 @ 200-level
CONTENT AREAS

- Cognitive
- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Lifespan Developmental
- Social
- Abnormal
- Research Methods
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 2.70 or higher**. In the absence of a Western GPA, a GPA of 2.70 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 fall '21 PSY 203 sections available on a case-by-case basis. See forthcoming Current Enrollment Exception Form.

** GPA minimum requirement increased 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.

Fall '21 Application Opens Oct 4
Major Application Quiz

The Major Application Quiz* offers students interested in applying to WWU's 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.

Human development-specific Major Application Quiz coming fall '21.

*Remember: This quiz must be completed before your new major application can be evaluated. The application portal will be open through week four of fall, winter, and spring quarter.
2021-22 APPLICATION REMINDERS

Students intending to declare a major in psychology or human development must:

- meet all prerequisites,
- complete the Major Application Quiz, and
- complete the application webform fully and on time.

Please note that the Department of Psychology 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, determined by GPA ranked from high to low.

The quiz and new major application portal are open during weeks three and four of fall, winter, and spring quarter via the Psychology Department website, see link below.

APPLICATIONS DUE Fri, October 15 by 5PM
NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT BY END-OF-DAY Wed, October 20

We anticipate a 3.0+ GPA cutoff
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  - 305 Scientific Thinking & Writing (WP2)
300 SEQUENCE

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  - Critical evaluation
  - Peer reviewed journal articles
  - Academic writing

Research + Statistics:

- 306 Correlational Approaches
  - Methods
  - Design
  - Instrument development

- 307 Experimental Approaches
  - General linear model tests
  - Follow-up tests
  - Computer data analysis

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25 @ 300- and 400-level
WWU PSYCHOLOGY 2021-22

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✓ 30 @ 200-level
✓ 15 @ 300-level Sequence
✓ 25 @ 300- and 400-level Upper-Division

WWU REQUIRES:

✓ 180 total credits
  ✓ Psych satisfies 75 credits
✓ 60 Upper-Division (300/400)
  ✓ Psych satisfies 40 UD credits
✓ 3 Writing Proficiency Points
  ✓ Psych satisfies ALL 3 WPP
REGISTRATION

1. Identify if you need PSY 203 Research Methods
2. Identify other 200-level PSY courses you still need to satisfy for prerequisites (TWO completed/currently enrolled)
3. Identify other areas of interest
   • Potential minors
   • Potential 300-level coursework
4. Utilize ClassFinder to develop a primary, secondary, and backup schedule
5. Meet with Psych Faculty Advisors immediately following this session

Reminders:
• Claiming one or two 200-level psych courses per quarter is best; three = :/
• August 6th at 12PM – 9th at 10AM; August 31 @ 8:30AM Phase II
• Psych Drop-In Advising, 3:30-4:30PM
**PROPOSED PLAN OF STUDY**

Name: Transfer Student Example  
W#: Wxxxxxxxx  
Major: Psychology  

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| 22 / 23       | PSY 307         | PSY 400-LEVEL MINOR | PSY 400-LEVEL MINOR |                 |
|               | PSY 300-LEVEL MINOR |                  |                  |                 |
WELCOME

• Main Office AIC 434→
  • psychology@wwu.edu
• Advising appointments available
  https://wwupsychadvising.youcanbook.me
• Interested in Behavioral Neuro?
  • Andrea.Swanson@wwu.edu
• Interested in Psych + Education?
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RESOURCES

• Department Canvas Courses
• Degree Works
• Department of Psychology Website
• Psychology Major Checklist
• Human Development Major Checklist
• Psychology Minor Checklist
• Declaring a Psychology Major
• Explore Possible Minors
QUESTIONS?

THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE?
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