WWU PSYCH & HD

FALL 2022 NEW MAJOR INFO SESSION
So, you’re interested in Psych...
75 CREDIT MAJOR

- 5 @ 100-level
  - Intro Psych equivalent
  - AP = 3+
- 30 @ 200-level
CONTENT AREAS
- Cognitive
- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Lifespan Developmental
- Social
- Behavioral and Mental Health
- Research Methods
2022-23 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 PSY 203 sections available on a case-by-case basis. See Major Application Exception webform.
Major Application Quiz

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

The quiz is comprised of 10 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**.

Can't access the quiz? [Self-enroll in our Psychology Interest Canvas course](#)

*Remember: This quiz must be completed before your new major application can be evaluated. The application portal will open at the beginning of fall, winter, and spring quarter.*
The Major Application Short Essay Questions* provides students interested in applying to WWU's psychology or human development majors an opportunity to convey who they are and how their individual lived experiences, values, and goals align with their intended major.

The quiz is comprised of 3 prompts (250 words each max):

1. **In the Department of Psychology, we aim to encourage and train students to apply psychological science to address societal needs and problems. What societal needs and problems are you interested in addressing and why? Please describe the specific academic and/or life experiences that have motivated you to pursue a psychology major.**

2. **In the Department of Psychology, we aim to create an inviting, respectful, safe, and inclusive learning community for students. Please describe some specific ways (based on your lived experiences, actions, values, and/or goals) you would contribute to creating this learning community.**

3. **(Optional) Provide any additional information that you think will help us make an informed decision about your application. Note: The information provided in this question will not be used to determine your admission to the major but will instead be used to help us refine these questions for future admission cycles. Feel free to provide any other information you wish we had asked about in this application.**
2023-23 MAJOR APPLICATION
SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS

Tips to consider when writing:

- Reflect on yourself (your individual lived experience, strengths, academic history, etc.) before answering
- Address the prompts directly
- Think and write deeply, with full transparency
- Provide specific examples when possible
- Make sure who you are and how your goals/values align with this major are crystal clear in your responses; consider what makes you stand out
- Remember: Quality of writing is not being evaluated; however, please use spell check and write in complete sentences to make sure your ideas come across as clearly as possible.
Who can apply to the 2022-23 psych and HD majors?
Students who meet all pre-reqs (including earning a successful grade of C- or better in PSY 203 or equivalent)
AND transfer students who meet all pre-reqs with the utilization of a Major Application Exception Form for PSY 203 current enrollment. (Students with a DTA will be prioritized for exception.)

Do I need a Major Application Exception form?
Are you currently enrolled in PSY 203 and a new transfer student?

If yes, then yes, you need to complete and submit a Major Application Exception form.
2023-23 MAJOR APPLICATION

Fall '22 Major Application
Available Friday 9/23 @ 8:30AM through Friday 10/7 @ 5PM

Apply in a Few Easy Steps:
1. Finalize and Submit Your Application
2. Complete the Major Application Quiz
   Unable to access the Major Quiz? Self-Enroll Here
3. Currently enrolled in PSY 203 as a transfer student? Submit a Major Application Exception
4. Complete the Major Application Short Essay Questions
   (available 9/26-10/7 @ 5PM)
2023-23 MAJOR APPLICATION

Major Status Announced: 10/17-21
VIA WWU.EDU EMAIL

Please Note:
105-Credit Hold will be automatically removed after students are accepted to the major and complete a major declaration.
# 2022-23 Psychology Minor Checklist

24 Credits (50% earned at WWU; 50% may overlap with other minors); C- or better required

All listed prerequisites must be completed prior to course enrollment.

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<th>Prerequisite</th>
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<td>230 Lifespan Developmental</td>
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<td>240 Social Psychology</td>
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<td>250 Behavioral and Mental Health</td>
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<td>Nine (9) additional elective credits*</td>
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<td>116 Human Sexuality</td>
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<td>117 Psychology of Identity</td>
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<td>118 Psychology of Happiness and Well-Being</td>
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<td>119 Psychology of Gender</td>
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<td>203 Research Methods</td>
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<td>101</td>
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<td>274 Psychology of Child Rearing</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>101</td>
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<td>278 Psychology of Trauma (offered online, summer quarter)</td>
<td>5</td>
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✓ 30 @ 200-level
  • Cognition
  • Behavioral Neuroscience (Psychopharmacology)
  • Lifespan Developmental (not Child Development)
  • Social
  • Behavioral and Mental Health
  • Research Methods

✓ 15 @ 300-level Sequence
  • 305 Scientific Thinking & Writing
  • 306 Correlational Approaches
  • 307 Experimental Approaches

✓ 25 @ 300- and 400-level
300 SEQUENCE

- 305 Scientific Thinking and Writing (WP3)
  - 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
  - PsychFest

\[ SD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n}} \]
 WWU Psychology 2022-23

75 Credit Major
✓ 5 @ 100-level
✓ 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
What exactly is a Bachelor of Science?
GRADUATE STUDY

MASTERS

- Experimental
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- School Counseling

PHD/PSYD

- Google Scholar
USE YOUR DEGREE

ADVERTISING AGENT

CASE MANAGER

MARKET RESEARCHER

TECHNICAL WRITER
# Volunteer Database

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities for students to volunteer, gain valuable skills, and give back to the community. Students may contact the [Center for Community Learning](https://chss.wwu.edu/psychology/volunteer-opportunities) at Western Washington University or the [Whatcom Volunteer Center](https://chss.wwu.edu/psychology/volunteer-opportunities) to learn about current and upcoming volunteer experiences.

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<td>Animals as Natural Therapy</td>
<td>Animal, Community Aid, Youth</td>
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<td>Blue Skies for Children</td>
<td>Youth, Community Aid</td>
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<td>Boys and Girls Clubs</td>
<td>Youth, Counseling</td>
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<td>Brigadoon Service Dogs</td>
<td>Animal, Community Aid</td>
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<td>Brigid Collins Family Support Center</td>
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Psychology Student Clubs

- WWU Psych Club
- Neuroscience Research Driven Students (NeRDS)
- Psi Chi International Honor Society

https://chss.wwu.edu/psychology/psychology-student-clubs
# Research

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<th>Professor</th>
<th>Courses taught most often</th>
<th>Area of Study</th>
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<td>J. Rose</td>
<td>Psy 321, Psy 220, Psy 328/428</td>
<td>Behavioral Neuroscience</td>
<td><a href="https://wwu.edu/roselab/">https://wwu.edu/roselab/</a></td>
<td>Submit application on website OR personal email</td>
<td>Immediately after taking 220 with her</td>
<td>Interest/Motivation in research, Completed relevant 200-level content, flexible schedule/availability</td>
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<td>J. Devenport</td>
<td>Psy 240, 442</td>
<td>Social, Psych &amp; Law: Applying social psychological theories to the study of individuals in a legal context.</td>
<td>None.</td>
<td>Appointment during office hours</td>
<td>After completing Psy 301, but prior to the quarter in which they would begin.</td>
<td>Interest/Motivation in research, Completed Psy 301, Completed relevant 200-level content</td>
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<td>A. Czopp</td>
<td>Psy 101, 240, 303</td>
<td>Social Psychology: Stereotyping, prejudice, intergroup dynamics</td>
<td><a href="http://myweb.facstaff.wwu.edu/oczopp/">http://myweb.facstaff.wwu.edu/oczopp/</a></td>
<td>A personal email</td>
<td>Spring quarter (in preparation for following academic year)</td>
<td>Interest/Motivation in research, Flexible schedule/availability</td>
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<td>T. Schudlich</td>
<td>Psy 250, 354, Grad classes</td>
<td>Developmental, Clinical/Counseling Psychology</td>
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<td>Spring quarter (in preparation for following academic year)</td>
<td>Interest/Motivation in research, Completed Psy 301, Completed relevant 200-level content</td>
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WELCOME

• Main Office AIC 434
  • psychology@wwu.edu
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  • Tina.DuRocherSchudlich@wwu.edu
    Rochelle.Robinson@wwu.edu
• Interested in Behavioral Neuro?
  • Andrea.Swanson@wwu.edu

QUESTIONS?
PsychAdvising@wwu.edu
RESOURCE LINKS

• 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