WWU PSYCHOLOGY 2023-24

75 CREDIT MAJOR

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  • AP = 3+
✓ 30 @ 200-level
CONTENT AREAS

- Cognitive
- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Lifespan Developmental
- Social
- Behavioral and Mental Health
- Research Methods
2023-24 MAJOR APPLICATION

2023-24 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 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 Associate's 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 Form.

Fall '23 Major Application Opens Friday, Sept 29
Fall '23 Major Application

Available Friday 9/29 @ 8:30AM through Friday 10/13 @ 11:59PM

Apply in THREE easy steps:
1. Submit a Major Application Webform
2. Complete the Major + Graduation Requirement Review that matches your intended major
3. Submit responses to the Major Application Essay Questions

Need access to the quizzes and essay questions? Self-Enroll Here

Currently enrolled in PSY 203 as a transfer student?

Optional Step #4: Submit a Major Application Exception
ESSAY QUESTIONS

The Major Application Short Answer Essay Questions* provide 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.

Please respond to both prompts with no more than 250 words each (overall word limit of 500 words; exceeding 250 words per prompt will result in application points lost):

1. In the Department of Psychology, we encourage and educate majors to apply psychological science to address societal needs and problems. What societal issues motivate you to pursue a degree in psychology? How and why? Please provide specific examples.

2. Review and reflect on the Psychology Department Values Statement. In your own words, describe specific ways your participation in the major would contribute to creating this learning community for all students. Examples provided should derive from your upbringing, lived experiences, goals, personal values, and/or interests.

*These prompts must be submitted before your new major application can be evaluated. The application portal will open at the beginning of fall, winter, and spring quarter.
## Past Application Data

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<td>~69%</td>
<td>~57%</td>
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<td><strong>305 Access</strong></td>
<td>93+ completed credits</td>
<td>101+ completed credits</td>
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* ~45 transfer credits

** = on-time registration
# 2023-24 Major Application

## 2023–24 Major Application Schedule

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# 2023-24 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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<td>240 Social Psychology</td>
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<td>250 Behavioral and Mental Health</td>
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<td>203 Research Methods</td>
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<td>101; 44+ cred.</td>
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<td>274 Psychology of Child Rearing</td>
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<td>278 Psychology of Trauma (offered online, summer quarter)</td>
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  • Cognition
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  • Lifespan Developmental (not Child Development)
  • Social
  • Behavioral and Mental Health

✓ 15 @ 300-level Research Sequence
  • **305** Scientific Thinking & Writing
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

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

- 25 @ 300- and 400-level
1. Declare a Psych Interest ([Web4U>Students>Student Records>Update Academic Interest])
2. Assess holds (vaccine, financial, etc.)
3. Check Degree Works to make sure all credits transferred, specifically PSY 101*
4. Identify if PSY 203 Research Methods is needed
5. Identify other 200-level PSY courses needed
6. Review all departmental course prerequisites + available exceptions
7. Identify other areas of interest
   - Potential minors
   - Potential 300-level coursework
8. Utilize Browse Classes to develop a primary, secondary, and backup schedule

*If all credits have not transferred:
1. Reach out to Rochelle.Robinson@wwu.edu for an override
2. Contact Institution to determine if full transcript was sent
   • all transcripts sent after June 1 will not yet be processed
3. Resubmit full transcript + transfer AP credit separately

Reminder: Claiming one or two 200-level psych courses per quarter is best; three = :/
HOW TO REGISTER

1. On time!
2. Register for Classes via Web4U
3. Build a fulltime schedule (14-16 credits)

Ways to productively fill your schedule:

1. Complete all GURs, including your MATH (where necessary)
2. Complete all PSY 200-levels
3. Complete the 20 upper-division credits required for graduation that the psychology major will not fulfill; these courses might be random or apply to a minor/double major
   1. explore upper-division courses that request few to no prerequisites here
   2. explore potential minor/double major options here
4. Take elective courses that bring your total completed credits, including the 40 remaining upper-division psych major credits, to meet the total 180 credits required for graduation.
### Example Credit Breakdown

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*apply to major*

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**PROPOSED PLAN OF STUDY**

Name: HCF (approx. 75 credits)  
W#: ___________  
Major: Psychology/HD

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Welcome

- Main Office AIC 434
  - psychology@wwu.edu
- Interested in Psych + Education?
  - PsychAdvising@wwu.edu
- Interested in Behavioral Neuro?
  - BNS@wwu.edu
  - 11:30-12 Presentation

Questions?

PsychAdvising@wwu.edu
Next Info Session: Friday, Sept 29 @ 4PM via Zoom
RSVP HERE
QUESTIONS?

REMOTE DROP IN-ADVISING

July 19, 20, 24-26, 31 and August 1, 2

https://wwu-edu.zoom.us/j/96704135058?pwd=ZFVCMmRwQlRJTnRXcGtidzB1OUQwUT09
Meeting ID: 967 0413 5058
Passcode: 305980

WESTERN
MAKE WAVES.
RESOURCE LINKS

- Psych Interest Canvas Course Self-Enroll
- Degree Works
- Department of Psychology Website
- Psychology Major Checklist
- Human Development Major Checklist
- Psychology Minor Checklist
- Declaring a Major
- Explore Possible Minors
- WWU Writing Center
- Psych Department Clubs
- Local Volunteer Opportunities
- Research Opportunities