



WHITMAN COLLEGE

Psychology Department

The Psychology Major Requirements

Based on the 2019-2020 Catalog

| Requirement | Credits | Timing / Comments | Notes: |
|---|-----------|---|--------|
| <i>Required psychology courses:</i> | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 110 (Intro to Psychology) | 3 | As early as possible | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 210 (Psych. Statistics) | 3 | Before taking Methods | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 210L (Psych. Stats Lab) | 1 | Together with 210 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 220 (Research Methods) ¹ | 4 | After 210 & before senior year | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 420 (Senior Seminar) | 4 | Fall of senior year | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC-495 & 496/8 ² | 6 | Fall and spring of senior year | _____ |
| <i>Elective psychology courses:</i> | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC-260 or 270 | 4 | Sooner rather than later | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC-229, 360, or 390 | 4 | Sooner rather than later | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC-230 or 240 | 4 | Sooner rather than later | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choose a PSYC 3XX seminar | 3 | A 300-level seminar | _____ |
| Total PSYC credits above: | 36 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Optional 2XX and 3XX courses | any | After fulfilling prerequisites | |
| Requirements outside Psychology | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | 2 | Sooner rather than later | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biology | 2 | Sooner rather than later | _____ |
| Additional Requirements | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete written thesis | | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thesis oral exam | | Spring of senior year | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Narrative assessment of major | | Spring of senior year | _____ |
| Attaining Honors in the Major [†] | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Pass thesis orals with distinction | | (decided by thesis committee) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) A-/A grade on thesis each term | | (decided by thesis advisor) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Present at conference | | (WC UGC ³ , WPA ⁴ , or other) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) GPA > 2.299 | | (at the time of graduation) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Psychology major GPA > 3.499 | | (at the time of graduation) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Dept. unanimous vote on thesis | | (If criteria 1-4 are met) | _____ |

Language

Students with high GPAs may be eligible for invitation to the **Phi Beta Kappa** liberal-arts honors society (www.pbk.org) in their junior or senior year, but they must have taken at least one foreign-language course at the 200-level or higher. Studying languages is good for the mind-brain and for one's career, too!

Footnotes

¹ **If planning to study abroad**, then be extra careful with planning when to take 210+210L and 220!

² If hoping for honors in the major, do not register for PSYC-498; 496 will be converted to 498 automatically if honors status is awarded to you by the department.

³ Whitman College Undergraduate Conference

⁴ Western Psychological Association

[†] See also the **Psychology Majors' Handbook** on the departmental website.