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**Psychology Major
2021-2022**

Requirements	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 PSYC-220	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 210L (Psych. Stats Lab)	1	Together with 210	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 220 (Research Methods)	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*	6 (2x3)	Fall & spring of senior year	_____
<i>Elective foundational areas:</i>			
Fulfill 3 out of 4 areas below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1) PSYC-260 or 270	4	Sooner rather than later	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2) PSYC-215, 217, 225 229, or 390	4	Sooner rather than later	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 3) PSYC-230, 232, or 239	4	Sooner rather than later	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4) PSYC-218, 219, or 240	4	Sooner rather than later	_____
<i>Elective seminar</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Choose a PSYC 3XX (seminar)	3	After fulfilling prerequisites	_____
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		Fall and spring of senior year	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thesis oral exam		Spring of senior year	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Narrative assessment of major		Spring of senior year	_____
To Attain 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**, WPA***, or other)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4) GPA > 3.299		(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

To be eligible for invitation to the Phi Beta Kappa liberal arts honors society (www.pbk.org), students must have taken at least one foreign-language course at the 200-level or higher. Consider taking foreign language. It is good for the mind-brain and for your career.

Footnotes

* 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.

** Whitman College Undergraduate Conference

*** Western Psychological Association

† See also the Psychology Majors' Handbook on the departmental website