

CURRICULUM NOTES

FOR

PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS

2015–2016 & 2016-2017 Catalogs

I. 2015 – 16 & 2016-17 Curriculum for Psychology Majors

A. The course hour breakdown is:

Psychology	36	Behavioral Science	6
Minor	18	Arts	3
English	12	Humanities	3
Modern Language	10	Philosophy	3
Science	10	Electives (Adv. Approved)	4
History	6	UNIV100	<u>3</u>
Math/Statistics	6	Total Hours	120

B. The curriculum is flexible so that the needs and aspirations of individual students may be fulfilled. You should meet regularly with your assigned advisor to insure proper implementation of the program. It is your responsibility to be familiar with your catalog which includes a detailed explanation of each course as well as prerequisites and restrictions. Additionally, students should continually update their credit distribution form to insure they are meeting all degree requirements.

C. A Bachelor in Psychology can lead to many different career options/Graduate school. You should be mindful of this and tailor your course selections accordingly. Gaining entrance into graduate school and/or meaningful employment in psychology is extremely competitive. Therefore, stay informed, and communicate regularly with your advisor about course and career options.

D. Students interested in Pre-Med track should consult with Dr. Lynch. Those interested in the Honors track should consult with Ms. Lori Romero.

II. COURSE NOTES

Psychology (36 hours required; 42 hours maximum)- Note: you must earn a grade of ‘C’ or higher in all PSYC class requirements or any PSYC class used as a prerequisite for another PSYC class. Please note and adhere to the PREREQUISITES listed for specific courses in the 2016 - 2017 Catalog.

1. PSYC 209 and 210 are required of all psychology majors. PSYC 209 is a prerequisite for PSYC 210. Both Psyc 209 and 210 are restricted to Psyc Majors or Minors only. Transfer students or students who change their major to PSYC may substitute a previously taken PSYC 110 or 115 for 210. Credit will not be given for both PSYC 210 and either 110 OR 115. Psychology majors must not take PSYC115.
2. PSYC 315 is required of all psychology majors. PSYC 315 has STAT 214 OR STAT 215 prerequisite. As MATH 103, 104, or 105 is a pre-requisite for STAT 214/215, which is a pre-requisite for PSYC 315, which is in turn a pre-requisite for PSYC415 and 442, careful planning is required. Note that STAT 214/215 and PSYC315 cannot be taken

concurrently, nor can PSYC315 and either PSYC 442 and 415. Therefore, these courses must be taken in sequence.

3. PSYC435, 455, and 400 are required of all psychology majors. Pre-requisites for each of these classes are a grade of “C” or better in 12 hours (PSYC435), 9 hours (PSYC455), and 15 hours (PSYC400) of psychology. PSYC400 has the additional requirement of Senior status.
4. An additional 9 hours of psychology are to be chosen from the following three pairs: PSYC 425 or 321; 330 or 340; 442 or 415. Three hours of BIOL122, 111, or 220 and a “C” or better in PSYC 210, 110, or 115 is required for PSYC425. A “C” or better in 6 hours of psychology is required for both PSYC330 and PSYC340. Three hours of biology and a “C” or better in PSYC210, 110, or 115 is required for PSYC321. A “C” or better in PSYC 315 is an absolute prerequisite for 442 and 415.
5. Nine hours of psychology electives must also be completed. These electives may be chosen from other psychology courses offered, including the three courses not chosen from the pairs above (See 4. above). PSYC 313 is NOT open to psychology majors. However, transfer students who have previously taken PSYC313, may substitute PSYC313 for PSYC 455.
6. If you are preparing for graduate study in psychology, you are encouraged to schedule PSYC 360, 415, 425, and 497 within your choices of courses above. If you are preparing for work or graduate study in an applied area (e.g., Clinical, Rehabilitation Counseling, Social Work, Counseling, Physical Therapy), you are encouraged to schedule PSYC 321, 330, 340, 442, 445 and 431/465.

Minor (18 credit hours minimum)

1. A minimum of 18 hours, with at least 6 hours at the 300-400 level, is required for a minor. However, some minors may require more than 18 hours. ENGL 101 and 102 do not count towards a minor in ENGL. Similarly, the 101 course in any modern language does NOT count toward a minor. Students minoring in General Education Core areas, like ENGL, HIST, or SOCI, may apply core courses toward their minor and toward their general education requirements. However, all hours counted twice will result in additional elective hours to make up for those shared hours.
2. Minors must be planned with the student's advisor. For information about acceptable specialty minors go to: <http://liberalarts.louisiana.edu/academics/minors/index.html>. Students must go to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts to declare their minor as soon as a minor is chosen.
3. Course requirements for minors outside of the College of Liberal Arts are now determined by the specific discipline of the minor.
4. A minor GPA of 2.0 or better is required. No more than (1) course with a grade of “D” can apply towards the minor.

English (12 credit hours)

1. ENGL 101 and 102 are required. Qualified entry students may receive advanced credit of 6 hours or may receive 3 hours credit for 101 and be allowed to schedule ENGL 115 in place of ENGL 102.
2. Three credit hours of English literature is required. Sophomore English electives may be chosen from ENGL 210, 211, 212.
3. ENGL 359 is required of all psychology majors. This fulfills the General Education Communications requirement.

Modern Language (10 credit hours)

Ten hours of one specific language may be selected from any area in which a three-semester sequence is offered.

Science (10 credit hours)

1. Seven hours of BIOL, including BIOL 121, 123, & 122, are required. The BIOL majors sequence of BIOL110, 112, & 111 may be substituted. However, note that 121 is the absolute pre-requisite for 122, and 110 is the absolute pre-requisite for 111.
2. Three credit hours of physical science to be chosen from: CHEM 101, 102; ENVS 100, 280; GEOL105, 106; PHYS 160, 170, 213)

Math/Statistics (6 credit hours)

Three credit hours of MATH 103-104, or MATH 105, and 3 hours of STAT 214 are required. You must pass MATH 105 with a D or better and earn a grade of C or better in STAT 214 before you register for PSYC 315. For substitutions, MATH 103-104, 105, 107, 109, or 143 can be used to satisfy the MATH portion of this requirement. MATH 102 cannot be applied to a degree in PSYC.

Philosophy (3 credit hour)

Three credit hours of Phil to be chosen from 202, 340, or 342. Students planning to attend graduate school should take PHIL 342 (Philosophy of Science).

History (6 credit hours)

Six credit hours of History may be chosen from any history courses for which you have the prerequisites.

Arts (3 credit hours)

Three credit hours are required from the following list: DANC 101, 102, 113/114; DSGN121; THEA 161, 261; MUS, 104, 105, 106, 108, 109, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 360 362, 364; VIAR 120, 122. **Note:** AMUS electives and VIAR 375 and 380 cannot satisfy this elective. DANC 113 (2 cr hr) & 114 (2 cr hr) must **both** be taken to meet General Education Arts elective.

Behavioral Sciences (3 credit hours)

Six credit hours are required from courses offered in Economics, Political Science, Anthropology, Geography, Sociology, and Criminal Justice. At least 3 hours must be at the 200 level or above. **Note:** Psychology courses MAY NOT be used to fulfill the 6 credit hour Behavior Science requirement.

Humanities (3 credit hours)

Humanity electives include literature language, modern languages, history, philosophy, or humanities courses.

Advisor-Approved Electives (4 credit hours)

Four hours of advisor-approved electives are required. These electives include any credit courses offered at UL. A maximum of 4 hours of KNEA activity courses may be used. These elective hours may be used to complete the 45 hours of 300-400 level courses required.

UNIV 100 (3 credit hours)

UNIV 100 is required for all incoming Freshman.

Non-applicable Hours The following DO NOT APPLY toward graduation:

1. Courses below the level of the first course required by this curriculum, such as Math 90 or Engl 90.
2. CNED and ACSK courses.
3. Previous course work that is repeated (i.e. only the last take of a course is applicable).
4. Course work of equivalent content (i.e. only the last take of a course is applicable).

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to read and adhere to the policies of the College of Liberal Arts. See the Catalog for the year that you declared psychology a major.
2. ENTRY INTO UPPER DIVISION is required to schedule any 400-level courses and some 300-level courses (e.g. courses in the College of Business). Requirements for admission to Upper Division in the College of Liberal Arts include ENGL101 & 102 with a C or better, MATH103/104 or 105, MODL, Science, plus 30 credit hours with a GPA of 2.0 or better
3. AT LEAST 45 CREDIT HOURS of 300-400 level courses are required for graduation.
4. THE LAST 30 CREDIT HOURS before graduation must be taken in residency at UL
5. If you plan to attend graduate school, check with your advisor when you become a junior for direction on applying and preparing for graduate school.
6. When you acquire 90 hours, schedule an appointment with your advisor to review your Distribution Sheet and decide if a Degree Plan is appropriate.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO SENIORS

1. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for submitting a Degree Plan to the office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts early in the semester immediately preceding the semester in which you plan to graduate. To prepare a Degree Plan, obtain a Degree Plan Packet in the Psychology Department *and follow the directions carefully.*
2. At the same time, but no later than the first week of your final semester, you must file an Application for Degree and pay a diploma fee. However, **note that to obtain priority scheduling and be guaranteed a seat in the courses you need to graduate, degree fees must be paid and the stamped-paid Degree Application Form must be turned in to the Dean's office no later than the 4th week of the preceding semester in which you plan to graduate.**
3. At the beginning of your senior year, you should collect graduate school applications, take the GRE, and solicit letters of recommendations if planning to go the graduate school. You may need letters of recommendations for employment or educational purposes. You should obtain permission from 2 professors before you submit their names as references. The most useful letters come from professors for whom you have completed some product (e.g. research thesis, term paper, course project, etc.) Professors may request your transcripts, goal statements, autobiographical statements, vita, and other pertinent information. Do this early in the semester before the deadline date.