

B.S. IN PSYCHOLOGY

2008-09

College of Humanities and Sciences General Education Requirements

Foundational Courses

1. Writing: Complete each course.	Credits	Grade
UNIV 111 Focused Inquiry I	3	
UNIV 112 Focused Inquiry II (C grade or better required)	3	
ENGL 200 or academic research writing course (C grade or better required; must complete 24 credits before enrolling)	3	

2. Mathematics & Statistics: Complete each course.	Credits	Grade
MATH 131 Introduction to Contemporary Math	3	
STAT 210 Basic Practice of Statistics (C grade or better required; complete as soon as possible)	3	

Supporting Courses

3. Human, Social, and Political Behavior: Choose one course.	Credits	Grade
ANTH/INTL 103 Introduction to Anthropology HUMS 300 Great Questions of the Social Sciences POLI 103 U.S. Government PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (also required in the major) SOCY 101 General Sociology		
Course Taken		

4. Science and Technology: Complete one course from each box.	Credits	Grade
BIOL 101 Biological Concepts with lab	4	
BIOL/ENVS 103 Environmental Science or BIOL 201 Human Biology		

5. Diverse and Global Communities: Choose one course.	Credits	Grade
INTL 101 Human Societies and Globalization MASC/INTL 151 Global Communication POLI/INTL 105 International Relations RELS 108 Human Spirituality WMNS 201 Introduction to Women's Studies		
Course Taken		

6. Literature and Civilization: Choose one course.	Credits	Grade
ENGL 215 Readings in Literature HIST 201 The Art of Historical Detection HUMS 250 Reading Film PHIL 201 Critical Thinking About Moral Problems WRLD 203 Cultural Texts and Contexts WRLD 230 Introduction to World Cinema		
Course Taken	3	

7. General Education Electives: Choose any 2 additional courses from boxes 3, 4, 5, or 6 (must be from two different boxes).	Credits	Grade
Course Taken		
Course Taken		

Experiential Courses

8. General Education Modules: Complete each.	Credits	Grade
Experiencing the Fine Arts: successfully complete one course from the School of the Arts (1-3 credits)		
HUMS 202 Choices in a Consumer Society	1	
Computer Literacy Requirement		

9. Foreign Language: Must demonstrate competency through the 102 level by previous high school background or placement or courses below.	Credits	Grade
101 level		
102 level		

10. Senior Capstone: taken in major within last 30 credit hours	Credits	Grade

 Has VCCS Associate Degree _____

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PSYCHOLOGY Major Requirements

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology curriculum requires a minimum of 30 credits in psychology courses. A maximum of 40 credits in psychology (this limit does not apply to PSYC courses numbered 490 and above) can be presented for the degree. At least 15 of the 30 minimum required credits must be completed at VCU. All students must complete PSYC 101, 214, & 317. Students may pursue the Standard Curriculum, which includes PSYC 451 and at least one course from each of four content areas (see below). Or in addition to the Core and instead of the Standard Curriculum, after successful completion of PSYC 101 and 214 with "C" grades or better, students may apply in writing to the Department of Psychology's undergraduate director to pursue one of concentrations listed below.

Standard Curriculum: In addition to the Core, the student must complete PSYC451 and at least one course from each of the following four content areas and 5-6 credits in Psychology electives to arrive at minimum of 30 credits in Psychology:

- **Developmental:** PSYC 301 Child Psychology OR PSYC 304 Life Span Developmental Psychology (cannot take both for credit toward a degree); PSYC302 Psychology of Adolescence; PSYC 306 Psychology of Adult Development; GRTY 410 Introduction to Gerontology.
- **Social/Personality:** PSYC 309 Personality; PSYC 321 Social Psychology; PSYC/AFAM 322 Personality and Behavior of the African-American; PSYC 323 Interpersonal Relations; PSYC/RELS 333 Psychology and Religious Experience; PSYC/MMNS 335 Psychology of Women; PSYC/SOCY 341 Group Dynamics.
- **Physiological/Learning:** PSYC 401 Physiological Psychology; PSYC 406 Perception; PSYC 410 Principles of Learning and Cognition.
- **Self-Development/Applied Psychology:** PSYC 303 Personal Adjustment; PSYC 308 Stress and its Management; PSYC 310 Industrial Psych; PSYC 318 Tests and Measurement; PSYC 340 Intro to the Helping Relationship; PSYC 407 Psych of the Abnormal; PSYC 412 Health Psych; PSYC 426 Child Psychopathology.

Pre-Graduate School Concentration: An overall GPA of 3.25 and 3.25 GPA in psychology are required to successfully complete this concentration which consists of 34 credit hours including the core. Other courses include PSYC 304, 318, 321, 401, 407, 410, 451, and either PSYC 492, 493 or 494 (3 credits).

Life Science Concentration: An overall GPA of 2.5 and a 2.5 GPA in psychology and concentration courses are required to successfully complete this concentration. **NOTE:** If you follow this concentration but at the time of graduation do not meet the 2.5 GPA requirements, you cannot graduate under the Standard Curriculum unless you have taken PSYC 451 or courses in the Developmental and Social/Personality areas. This concentration consists of 34 credit hours including the core. BIOL 201(satisfies biology collateral requirement); PSYC401, 406, 410, 412, PHTX400, BIOL 445, and either PSYC492, 493 or 494 (3 credits).

Applied Psychology Concentration: An overall GPA of 2.5 and a 2.5 GPA in psychology and concentration courses are required to successfully complete this concentration. **NOTE:** If you follow this concentration but at the time of graduation do not meet the 2.5 GPA requirements, you cannot graduate under the standard curriculum unless you have taken PSYC 451 or courses in the Physiological/Learning area. This concentration consists of 31 credit hours including the core. Other courses include PSYC304, 308, 309, 318, 340, 407, and either PSYC492, 493 or 494 (3 credits).

Urban Psychology Concentration: An overall GPA of 2.5 and a 2.5 GPA in psychology and concentration courses are required to successfully complete this concentration. **NOTE:** If you follow this concentration but at time of graduation do not meet the 2.5 GPA requirements, you cannot graduate under the standard curriculum unless you have taken PSYC 451 or courses in the Physiological/Learning content area. This concentration consists of 34 credit hours including the core. PSYC 302, 304, 322, 340, and either PSYC493 or 494 (3 credits), POLI 321, RELS 340, URSP 116.

Concentration: _____

Psychology Core: Required for all Psychology majors.	Credits	Grade
PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (grade of C or better required)		
PSYC 214 Application of Statistics (prerequisite: STAT 210 with a grade of C or better)		
PSYC 317 Experimental Methods (prerequisite: PSYC 214 with a grade of C or better)		

Electives: Select additional courses to satisfy the 120 credits needed to graduate.	Credits	Grade

Additional degree requirements

- Cumulative 2.00 GPA
- 2.00 GPA in the major
- 45 credits in upper level courses or the equivalent
- 120 total earned hours
- At least 30 of the last 45 credits taken at VCU