

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**B.A. DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY (David King 2086, 703-993-1384)**

<http://psychology.gmu.edu/programs/la-ba-psyc>

**2018 - 2019 CATALOG**

	<u>Department(s) &amp; Course #(s)</u>	<u>Completed/ Grade(s)</u>	<u>Needed</u>
<b><u>MASON CORE REQUIREMENTS (*37)</u></b>			
a. Written Communication: ENGH 101 (100), ENGH 302 (C or better) (3,3)		_____	_____
b. Oral Communication: COMM 100 or 101 (circle choice) (3)		_____	_____
c. Quantitative Reasoning (3)		_____	_____
d. Literature (3)		_____	_____
e. Arts (3)		_____	_____
f. Western Civilization (3)		_____	_____
g. Social & Behavioral Science (Satisfied by <b>PSYC 100</b> )		_____	_____
h. Natural Science (4,3) ( <b>BIOL 103 and 106/107 recommended</b> )		_____	_____
i. Global Understanding (3)		_____	_____
j. Information Technology (3) (may be satisfied by major requirements)		_____	_____
k. Synthesis (3)		_____	_____

Go to: <http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/> to link to information on Mason Core requirements.

**COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (\*9-18)**

- a. Foreign Language: Intermediate level in a single foreign language.
- b. Philosophy or Religious Studies (3) (not PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement.)
- c. Three credits in social & behavioral sciences in addition to the university-wide requirement in social & behavioral science for a total of 6 credits. The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and university requirements must be from different disciplines. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GOVT, HIST (except 100 or 125), LING, PSYC, or SOCI & these courses in GGS: 101, 103, 110, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 315, 316, 320, 325, 330, 357, 380.
- f. Non-Western Culture \_\_\_\_\_

\*The number of hours needed to fulfill Mason Core requirements may vary; see the University Catalog for information. The two courses used to fulfill the college and university requirements for social & behavioral sciences must be from different disciplines.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (37 hours required; at least 24 of PSYC at the 300- or 400-level)**

**Basic Courses in Psychology (26-32)**

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| a. <b>PSYC 100</b> (3), <b>PSYC 231</b> (3)  | a. _____ | _____ |
| b. PSYC 211 <b>OR</b> two of the following: PSYC 313, 314, 415 (circle choice(s)) (3-6)              | b. _____ | _____ |
| c. Research Methods: PSYC 300 (4), PSYC 301 (writing intensive course) (4)                           | c. _____ | _____ |
| d. PSYC 317 (3)  | d. _____ | _____ |
| e. Biopsychology: PSYC 372 <b>OR</b> PSYC 375 <b>AND</b> PSYC 376 (circle choice(s))                 | e. _____ | _____ |
| g. Professional development: (choose one of following):<br>PSYC 399, 237, 427, 430, 491, 492, 461(3) | f. _____ | _____ |

**Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 in basic courses in psychology with a minimum grade of 1.67 (C-) in each one. Courses taken to fulfill these requirements may simultaneously satisfy a concentration.**

**Applied Psychology Courses Applied Psychology (Students without concentration 6-7 credits) or Optional Concentration (12-15 credits):** Students may choose to complete a concentration in forensic psychology, human factors and applied cognition, work and organizational psychology, developmental psychology, educational psychology, or health psychology. **Students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.00 in all coursework applied to the concentration.** Courses required for a concentration may simultaneously satisfy other degree requirements. The concentrations in forensic psychology, human factors and applied cognition, and work and organizational psychology meet the applied psychology requirement (See catalog for requirements). **Students may choose to complete a concentration in Clinical Psychology, Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience, Developmental Psychology, Education Psychology, or Health Psychology (12-15 credits).**

PSYC 372 may be used in place of PSYC 375 only by students who receive PSYC 372 transfer credit from another institution. Students who receive transfer credit for a research methods course must take PSYC 304 or PSYC 309 unless the transfer course has been approved as writing intensive.

**Any psychology course may be used to satisfy the 37-credit psychology requirement for the BA degree with the following restrictions:** A maximum of 6 credits of 327 and 328 may be applied to required psychology credits; a maximum of 6 credits of 260, 350, and 460 may be applied to required psychology credits; no more than 9 credits of PSYC 327, 328, 260, 350 and 460 can be taken without written permission of the department chair.

**GENERAL ELECTIVES (28-37)**(List courses)

**MINIMUM 120 HOURS (including Minimum 45 UPPER DIVISION HOURS) to GRADUATE**

This planning form is intended to be used in consultation with your academic advisor and reflects the requirements for the 2018 -2019 Catalog; the University Catalog is the official reference for program requirements.



Fall Semester One	15 credits
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Foreign Language 110	6
Quantitative Reasoning	3
PSYC 100	3

Spring Semester One	16 credits
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Foreign Language 201	3
PSYC 211	3
PSYC 300	4
General elective	3

Fall Semester Two	16 credits
Natural Science with lab	4
Foreign Language 202	3
Global Understanding	3
PSYC 231	3
PSYC 301	3

Spring Semester Two	15-16 credits
Natural Science with or without lab	3-4
Non-Western Culture	3
Social/Behavioral Science	3
PSYC 317	3
Applied Psychology #1	3

Fall Semester Three	15 credits
Literature	3
Art	3
Applied Psychology #2	3
PSYC 372	3
General elective	3

Spring Semester Three	15 credits
ENGH 302	3
Western Civilization/World History	3
Professional Development	3
Upper-level general elective	3
General elective	3

Fall Semester Four	15 credits
Upper-level Psychology elective	3
Synthesis	3
Upper-level Psychology elective	3
General elective	3
General elective	3

Spring Semester Four	12-13 credits
Upper-level Psychology elective	3
Upper-level Psychology elective	3
Upper-level Psychology elective	3
General elective	3
General elective	0-1

This document is an **EXAMPLE** of a degree path for Psychology BA majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet at least once per semester with an advisor to develop a unique degree plan.

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