

College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Psychology, BA

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| Mason Core Requirements (36-37 credits) | Course Information | Credits | Earned | Needed | |
| Written Communication: | ENGH 101 (100) | 3 | | | |
| Oral Communication: | | 3 | | | |
| Quantitative Reasoning | | 3 | | | |
| Information Technology | | 3 | | | |
| Arts | | 3 | | | |
| Global Understanding | | 3 | | | |
| Literature | | 3 | | | |
| Natural Science Overview | BIOL 103 Recommended | 3 | | | |
| Natural Science with Lab | BIOL 107/106 Recommended | 3-4 | | | |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences | Satisfied by PSYC 100 | | | | |
| Western Civilization/World History | | 3 | | | |
| Written Communication: | ENGH 302 | 3 | | | |
| Synthesis/Capstone | | 3 | | | |
| College Level Requirements for the BA Degree | | | | | |
| Philosophy or Religious Studies | | 3 | | | |
| (PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460 cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement) | | | | | |
| Additional Social & Behavioral Sciences | | 3 | | | |
| (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) | | | | | |
| Foreign Language | | 0-12 | | | |
| (Intermediate level in a single language by completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher); or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test; or by completing the following ASL three course sequence EDSE 115, 116, and EDSE 219; or students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement) | | | | | |
| Non-Western Culture | | 3 | | | |
| (Approved courses for this requirement may be found under Degree Requirements for the major listed within the University Catalog. The course used for this requirement may not simultaneously fulfill Mason Core Global Understanding) | | | | | |
| Major Requirements (37 credits) Minimum overall GPA of 2.0 with minimum grade of C- in each course | | | | | |
| PSYC 100 | Basic Concepts in Psychology (Mason Core) | 3 | | | |
| PSYC 231 | Social Psychology (Mason Core) | 3 | | | |
| PSYC 317 | Cognitive Psychology | 3 | | | |
| Select one option from the following: | | 3-6 | | | |
| Option 1: PSYC 211 | Developmental Psychology | | | | |
| Option 2: (select two) PSYC 313, 314, 415 | Child Development, Adolescent Development, Psychological Factors in Aging | | | | |
| PSYC 300 | Statistics in Psychology | 4 | | | |
| PSYC 301 | Research Methods in Psychology | 4 | | | |
| Biopsychology: Select one from the following: PSYC 372 or PSYC 375 and PSYC 376 | | 3-6 | | | |
| Professional Development: Select one from the following: PSYC 399, 327, 427, 430, 491, 492, 461 | | 3 | | | |
| Applied Psychology Courses or Optional Concentration | | 6-7 | | | |
| Students pursuing a concentration in Forensic Psychology (15 cr), Human Factors and Applied Cognition (12-13 cr), or Work and Organizational Psychology (12-13 cr) fulfill the Applied Psychology requirements within their concentration. Students pursuing the BS without one of these concentrations select two courses (6-7) from the following: PSYC 320, 325, 333, 340, 379, 381, 427, 430. | | | | | |
| Other Available Concentrations: Students may choose to complete a concentration in Clinical Psychology (12 cr), Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience (15 cr), Development Psychology (12 cr), Educational Psychology (12 cr), or Health Psychology (12 cr). | | | | | |
| Electives in the Major: Students complete the 37 required credits with electives in PSYC with the following restrictions: no more than six (6) credits of D may be applied; see catalog for maximum credit restrictions on courses that may be applied to psychology credits. | | | | | |
| Degree Notes | | | | | |
| At least 24 out of 37 PSYC credits must be at the 300/400-level. Courses taken to fulfill the Basic Courses in Psychology requirements may simultaneously fulfill a concentration. Students must earn a minimum of C in all coursework applied to the concentration. Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120 with 45 of these credits at the 300/400 level. | | | | | |



| Year One – Semester One | 15 credits |
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| ENGH 101 or COMM 101 | 3 |
| Foreign Language 110 | 6 |
| Quantitative Reasoning | 3 |
| PSYC 100, Basic Concepts in Psychology | 3 |

| Year One – Semester Two | 16 credits |
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| ENGH 101 or COMM 101 | 3 |
| Foreign Language 201 | 3 |
| PSYC 211, Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| PSYC 300, Statistics in Psychology | 4 |
| General elective | 3 |

| Year Two – Semester One | 16 credits |
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| Natural Science with lab | 4 |
| Foreign Language 202 | 3 |
| Global Understanding | 3 |
| PSYC 231, Social Psychology | 3 |
| PSYC 301, Research Methods in Psychology | 3 |

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

| Year Three – Semester One | 15 credits |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Literature | 3 |
| Arts | 3 |
| Applied Psychology #2 | 3 |
| PSYC 372, Biopsychology | 3 |
| General elective | 3 |

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

| Year Four – Semester One | 15 credits |
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| Upper-level Psychology elective | 3 |
| Synthesis | 3 |
| Upper-level Psychology elective | 3 |
| General elective | 3 |
| General elective | 3 |

| Year Four – Semester Two | 12-13 credits |
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| 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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