

General Studies (**G.S.**) courses that are required/recommended for the major or are prerequisites to a major requirement:

PSY 101, General Psychology (Required)

BIO 101, Principles of Biology (Required)

or **BIO 105**, Principles of Organismal Biology (Required)

Please consult the university catalog for the complete general studies curriculum and all course options.

<http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/>

Sample Plan

(This sample plan does not include any developmental coursework or minor courses.)

FRESHMAN YEAR – First Semester			FRESHMAN YEAR – Second Semester		
UNV 101	The University Experience	1	ENG 108 or ETC 200	College Writing/Research or Intro to Technical Communication	3
MAT	General Studies Math requirement	3	PSY 200	Intermediate Psychology	3
ENG 104	College Writing & Rhetoric	3	BIO 101	Principles of Biology	4
COM 104	Oral Communication	3	G.S.	Social & Behavioral Science	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3			
Semester Credit Total:		13	Semester Credit Total:		13
SOPHOMORE YEAR – First Semester			SOPHOMORE YEAR – Second Semester		
PSY 222, 230 or 260	PSY of Gender, PSY of Comm. or Cross-Cultural PSY *	3	PSY 319 or 321	Child/Adolescent PSY or Adult PSY *	3
PSY 300	Psychological Statistics	3	G.S.	Humanities & Fine Arts	3
G.S.	Natural Science	4-5	G.S.	Humanities & Fine Arts	3
G.S.	Humanities & Fine Arts	3	PSY 301	PSY Research Methods	3
CIVICS	PSC101, HIS140, or HIS150	3	G.S.	Gen. Studies needed to reach 42 hrs	4
Semester Credit Total:		16-17	Semester Credit Total:		16
JUNIOR YEAR – First Semester			JUNIOR YEAR – Second Semester		
PSY 340 or 435	Cognitive Psychology or Learning and Memory *	3	PSY310 or 365	Industrial/Organizational Psychology or Social Psychology *	3
PSY303	Psychology Research Team	3	PSY 350 or 355	Neuroscience or Sensation and Perception*	3
PSY	PSY Elective (at least one 300+)	3	PSY 309, 325, or 409	Abnormal PSY, PSY of Personality, or Principles of Behavior Therapy *	3
PSY	PSY Elective (at least one 300+)	3			
Elective	Free Elective	3	Electives	Free Electives	6-9
Semester Credit Total:		15	Semester Credit Total:		15-18
SENIOR YEAR – First Semester			SENIOR YEAR – Second Semester		
PSY 430	History and Systems in Psychology	3	PSY 445	Senior Seminar	3
Electives	Free Electives	12-15	Electives	Free Electives	12-15
Semester Credit Total:		15-18	Semester Credit Total:		15-18

*These are Psychology restricted core groups. At least one course in each group is offered each semester. These core groups may be completed in any sequence once the student has finished PSY200 and BIO101/105.

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Note: Given the large number of elective hours, Psychology majors are encouraged (but not required) to pursue a minor.

Program Graduation Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0 and a major GPA of at least 2.0.

University Graduation Requirements

- Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours (100 level and higher, maximum of 6 CED credit hours applicable).
- Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in upper-division courses. Lower-division transfer courses accepted as meeting upper-division departmental course requirements cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
- Earn 30 of the last 45 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination).
- Participate in required departmental and campus wide assessments.
- Fulfill the Missouri Constitution requirement.
- Successfully pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement exam.