

PSYCHOLOGY

DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES

The Admission to the Major Policy and the Retention in the Major Policy apply to all majors enrolled in the psychology B.A. program.

ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR POLICY

Current students at Millersville University will be permitted to declare psychology as a major only if they have a CGPA of 2.25 or higher, based on at least 15 credit hours, including PSYC 100 General Psychology, and if space is available. Decisions to accept new majors are based in part on space available and hence are competitive based upon previous academic performance, both in psychology courses and overall, and on math preparation. Readmitted students must have a 2.25 or higher CGPA at Millersville University in order to be admitted to the psychology major.

RETENTION IN THE MAJOR POLICY

At the end of each semester, the psychology department will review the academic performance of its majors. If any student with zero to 59.5 earned credits has a CGPA below 2.0, he/she will be notified by the department that he/she has been placed on probation in the major status for the semester in which notification is made. The department will specify minimal achievement during the probationary semester to continue in the major. If the student is not successful in meeting the requirements during the probationary semester, he/she will be removed from the major.

Students must successfully complete PSYC 100 General Psychology, PSYC 211 Principles of Statistics and Experimental Design 1 and two core electives prior to completing 90 credit hours.

COMPLETION OF THE MAJOR POLICY

Students must earn a C- or higher in all required psychology courses as defined in the catalog and curriculum (blue) sheet. The policy currently applies to the 15 credits of coursework required in the major (PSYC 100 General Psychology, PSYC 211 Principles of Statistics and Experimental Design 1, PSYC 212 Principles of Statistics and Experimental Design 2 and an Advanced Lab—currently one of PSYC 314 Adv. Lab Cognitive Psychology, PSYC 315 Adv Lab Sensation & Perception, PSYC 316 Adv Lab Learn Beh Analysis, PSYC 327 Adv Lab in Developmental Science) but not to elective courses (core or general) taken to complete their psychology requirements.

Students must complete at least three capstone credits. To be eligible for capstone credits, psychology majors must have earned at least 75 credits and have completed or be enrolled in their advanced laboratory course.

The following can be taken for capstone credit:

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 454	History and Systems of Psych	3
PSYC 455	Seminar in Psychology	1-3
PSYC 495	Directed Projects in Psych	1-6
PSYC 489	Honors Course	1-4
PSYC 490	Honors Seminar	1
PSYC 499	Departmental Honors	1-4
PSYC 498	Independent Study in Psych	1-4
COOP 300		

POLICY REGARDING ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDIT IN PSYCHOLOGY

Entering students who receive a score of 3 on the Advanced Placement (AP) Examination in Psychology shall be awarded three credits for an elective course designated as a 100-level PSYC course. Entering students who receive a score of 4 or 5 on the AP examination shall be awarded three credits for PSYC 100 General Psychology.

PASS/FAIL RESTRICTION ON COURSES FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS AND MINORS

Psychology majors may not take any psychology courses or any required related courses on a pass/fail basis. Psychology minors may not take any psychology courses on a pass/fail basis.

POLICY ON CREDIT RESTRICTION FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY COURSES

The psychology department offers three undergraduate developmental psychology courses: PSYC 227 Development of the Child and Adolescent, PSYC 228 Life Span Human Development and PSYC 229 Psychology of Aging. Credit is awarded for any one of the individual courses. Credit is also awarded for the combination of PSYC 227 Development of the Child and Adolescent and PSYC 229 Psychology of Aging, but not for any other combination of developmental psychology courses.

POLICY REGARDING COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AND DIRECTED PROJECTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

A limit of six s.h. of cooperative education (PSYC 300 Co-Op Ed Experience in Psyc, PSYC 400 Co-Op Ed Experience in Psyc or PSYC 495 Directed Projects in Psych) or any combination of the two may be taken by a student and counted in the psychology major. In unusual circumstances, and with written permission of the student's faculty advisor, the directed projects instructor and the department of psychology's cooperative education advisor, up to six additional s.h. may be taken; however, these credits may not be counted toward the psychology major.