

Psychology Department

Advising Worksheet

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Foundation Four- Areas 1A-3, one course in each competency area, four courses total.

Course	Grade	Credits	W?
1A- Oral Communication	_____	_____	_____
1B- Written Communication (W)	_____	_____	X
2- Critical Thinking (at MSUM this category is fulfilled by taking a Critical/Multicultural Thinking course)	_____	_____	_____
3- Mathematical/Symbolic Systems	_____	_____	_____

(See the back of this check sheet for Math/3 and English/1B course options and placement information.)

Inner Cluster Electives & Middle Cluster - Competency areas 3 – 7, seven courses total.

To complete areas 3 – 7, everyone must take **seven courses** between the Middle Cluster and Inner Cluster Electives. Everyone must take **at least 3 Middle Cluster** courses. Students can count no more than two courses per area.

3- Mathematical/Symbolic Systems (optional) 3I or 3M	_____	_____	_____
4- Natural Sciences (One lab class required) 4I or 4M	_____	_____	_____
5- History and the Social Sciences 5I or 5M	_____	_____	_____
6- Humanities- The Arts, Literature, and Philosophy 6I or 6M	_____	_____	_____
7- Human Diversity 7I or 7M	_____	_____	_____

Outer Cluster- Competency areas 8 – 10, three courses total.

8- Global Perspective	_____	_____	_____
9- Ethical and Civic Responsibility	_____	_____	_____
10- People and the Environment	_____	_____	_____

Total Dragon Core Credits
(Minimum 14 courses and 42 credits) _____

Psychology Major

Curriculum Requirements for Major in Psychology, B.A. Degree (42 credits)

- ___ PSY 113 General Psychology (3)
- ___ PSY 202 Developmental (3)
- ___ PSY 261 Personality (3)
- ___ PSY 231 Stat/Method I with lab (3)
- ___ PSY 232 Stat/Method II with lab (3) (Prerequisite: PSY 231)
- ___ PSY 330 Experimental Psychology (3) (Prerequisite: PSY 232)
- ___ PSY 430 Advanced Experimental Psychology (3) (Prerequisite: PSY 330)
- ___ PSY 463 Abnormal (3)
- ___ PSY 481 Seminar (3)

Students must take at least 15 elective credits in Psychology, 9 of which must be at the 300 level or above.

Total 42 credits

Psychology Minor

- ___ PSY 113 General Psychology (3)
- ___ PSY 202 Developmental (3)
- ___ PSY 261 Personality (3)
- ___ PSY 231 Stat/Method I with lab (3) or equivalent (Math 234, Soc 350)

Students must take at least 12 elective credits in Psychology courses, six of which must be at the 300 level or above (12)

Total 24 credits

Students considering graduate school (especially in clinical and counseling psychology) should seriously consider taking many of the following psychology electives:

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| PSY 297 Directed Research | PSY 320 Social Psychology |
| PSY 342 Learning and Memory | PSY 345 Physiological Psychology |
| PSY 348 Cognition and Perception | PSY 465 Clinical Psychology |
| PSY 470 History and Systems of Psychology | PSY 497 Undergraduate Research |
| PSY 469 Student Internship in Psychology | |

Other suggested classes outside of the major include:

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| BIOL 104 Human Biology | CSIS 103 Computer Concepts and Applications |
| ED 294 Educational Psychology | ENGL 387 Technical Report Writing |
| PHIL 110 Practical Reasoning | PHIL 215 Contemporary Moral Issues |
| SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology | SOC 310 Dominant/Subordinate Group Relations |
| CMST 100 Speech Communication | CMST 301 Business and Professional Communication |

Additional possible courses for those students considering mental health/clinical fields:
 SPED 320 Educational Services for Individuals with Exceptionalities
 SPED 471 Behavior and Environment Management
 CSNA 420/520 Basic Counseling Skills

Model Program for Psychology Major

Freshman Year

- Fall Semester: PSY 113 General Psychology
- Spring Semester: PSY 202 Developmental Psychology or
PSY 261 Personality

Sophomore Year

- Fall Semester: PSY 231 Stat/Methods I (and lab)
- Spring Semester: PSY 232 Stat/Methods II (and lab)
(Preq. PSY 231)
- Either Semester: PSY 202 Developmental Psychology or
PSY 261 Personality (if needed)
One or two electives in Psychology 200
or 300 level
Possibly PSY 292 Directed Research

Junior Year

- Fall Semester: PSY 463 Abnormal Psychology
(or senior year)
- Either Semester: PSY 330 Experimental Psychology
(Preq. PSY 232)
PSY 430 Advanced Experimental
Psychology (Preq. PSY 330)
Electives in Psychology 300 or 400 level

Senior Year

- Either Semester: PSY 430 Advanced Experimental
Psychology (Preq. PSY 330)
PSY 463 Abnormal Psychology
(Preq. PSY 261)
PSY 481 Seminar in Psychology
Possibly Independent Research or
Internship

Model Program for Transfer Students Entering as Juniors

This model assumes that you have taken two psychology courses before entering MSUM, a general psychology course and either a course in developmental psychology or personality. Because of your late entry in the major, we cannot guarantee two year completion. It's more realistic to complete the major in 5 semesters.

Junior Year

- Fall Semester: PSY 231 Stat/Methods I (and lab)
PSY 202 Developmental Psychology
(if needed) or
PSY 261 Personality (if needed)
PSY 463 Abnormal Psychology
(Preq. PSY 261)
- Spring Semester: PSY 232 Stat/Methods II (and lab)
(Preq. 231)

- Either Semester: Electives in Psychology 200, 300 or
400 level

Senior Year

- Fall Semester: PSY 330 Experimental Psychology
(Preq. 232)
PSY 463 Abnormal Psychology
(if needed)
Electives in Psychology 300 or
400 level
- Spring Semester: PSY 430 Advanced Experimental
Psychology (Preq. 330)
Electives in Psychology 300 or
400 level
- Either Semester: PSY 481 Seminar in Psychology
Possibly Independent Research or Internship

Undergraduate Course List

- Psy 113 General Psychology (3)
- Psy 202 Developmental Psychology (3)
- Psy 220 Social Behavior (3)
- Psy 231-232 Psychology Stats/Methods I-II (3 each)
- Psy 261 Personality (3)
- Psy 265 Health Psychology (3)
- Psy 293 Field Work in Psychology (1-2)
- Psy 297 Directed Research (1-3)
- Psy 310 Psychology of Women (3)
- Psy 317 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse (3)
- Psy 320 Social Psychology (3)
- Psy 323 Industrial/Organization (3)
- Psy 324 Environmental Psychology (3)
- Psy 330 Experimental Psychology (3)
- Psy 342 Learning & Memory (3)
- Psy 345 Physiological Psychology (3)
- Psy 348 Cognition & Perception (3)
- Psy 402 Child/Adolescent Psychology (3)
- Psy 403 Adulthood/Aging (3)
- Psy 430 Advanced Experimental Psychology (3)
- Psy 455 Psychology of the Arts (3)
- Psy 463 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- Psy 465 Clinical Psychology (3)
- Psy 469 Student Internship in Psychology (3-12)
- Psy 470 History & Systems of Psychology (3)
- Psy 481 Seminar in Psychology (3)
- Psy 490 Topics in Psychology (3)
- Psy 492 Independent Study (1-3)
- Psy 497 Undergraduate Research (1-3)