

BA IN PSYCHOLOGY + MS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Our five-year program offers a fast track to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology and Master of Science (MS) in Psychological Science degrees. Designed with the same course and number of credits students on the traditional track take, but in half the time.

How does it work?

BEGIN by taking Introductory Psychology as a first year student.

COMPLETE Psychological Statistics and Research Methods with a grade of B or better along with two additional Psychology courses.
NOTE: Students may be considered for conditional acceptance if these course requirements are in progress.

APPLY for early admission to the graduate program as a junior majoring in Psychology:

- with a 3.3 (3.5 preferred) GPA in Psychology courses and overall
- three references, at least two of which must be from a New Paltz Psychology faculty member
- successful completion of the Psychology courses listed above
- personal statement explaining interest in the five-year program

EARN your Bachelor of Arts degree in four years, while taking courses to prepare for accelerated graduate education.

ACHIEVE the Master of Science in Psychological Science in just one year.

Admission Requirements

During the junior year, students should meet with Professor Tabitha Holmes to prepare for their graduate application:

Application Procedures

- Log into my.newpaltz.edu and select “Apply Now!” under the “Graduate Studies” section.
- Select the fall term when you would like to begin your graduate coursework and major code (210A).
NOTE: this program only admits for the fall term.
- Select “Psychological Science 4+1” as the intended curriculum.

Upload Checklist Items

To expedite a faculty review of an application, students may upload the following items:

- Personal statement explaining your interest in the 4+1 program in Psychological Science
- Contact information for three references (two of which must be Psychology faculty)
- Student copies of transcripts* from every college/university attended
- Full admission **REQUIRES** the submission of official transcripts and test scores.

Check Your Application Status

- Check your application status via my.newpaltz.edu by selecting “View Application” under the “Graduate Studies” section.

BA in Psychology + MS in Psychological Science in 5 Years

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
ENG160	Composition I	3
PSY272	Introductory Psychology	3
GE: United States Studies		3
GE: Foreign Languages		3
GE: Humanities		3
Credits		15
Spring		
ENG170	Writing and Rhetoric	4
GE: Natural Sciences		3
GE: World Civilizations		3
GE: Foreign Languages		3
Credits		13
Year 2		
Fall		
PSY275	Psychological Statistics	4
1st Course in Physiology, Learning and Cognition	¹	3
1st Course in Social, Developmental and History	²	3
GE: Natural Sciences		3
GE: Diversity		3
Credits		16
Spring		
1st Course in Personality and Abnormal Psychology	³	3
GE: Western Civilization		3
GE: The Arts		3
ELECTIVE		6
Credits		15
Year 3		
Fall		
PSY311	Research Methods in Psychology	4
1st Course in Applied Psychology	⁴	3
ELECTIVES		9
Credits		16
Spring		
2nd Course in Physiology, Learning and Cognition	¹	3
2nd Course in Social, Developmental and History	²	3
ELECTIVES		9
Credits		15
Year 4		
Fall		
1st Graduate Content Core Course	⁵	3
1st Graduate Statistics Course		3
1st Graduate Methods Course		3
1st Graduate Practicum		1
ELECTIVES (Undergraduate)		6
Credits		16

Spring

1st Graduate Contemporary Research	3
2nd Graduate Content Core Course	3
ELECTIVES (Undergraduate)	9
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Credits	15

Year 5**Fall**

3rd Graduate Content Core Course ⁵	3
2nd Graduate Statistics Course	3
2nd Graduate Methods Course	3
2nd Graduate Practicum	1
PSY590 Thesis in Psychology (3-6)	3
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Credits	13

Spring

4th Graduate Content Core Course ⁵	3
2nd Graduate Contemporary Research	3
3rd Graduate Practicum	1
PSY590 Thesis in Psychology (3-6)	3
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Credits	10
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Total Credits	144

¹ Physiology, Learning and Cognition Courses include:

- PSY 303 Introduction to the Psychology of Learning
- PSY 305 Psychology of Perception
- PSY 310 Psychology of Memory and Thinking
- PSY 402 Psychology of Language
- PSY 403 Health Psychology
- PSY 436 Physiological Psychology

² Social, Developmental and History Course Include:

- PSY302 History and Systems in Psychology
- PSY306 Social Psychology
- PSY308 Psychology of Motivation
- PSY343 Psychology of Infancy and Childhood
- PSY344 Psychology of Adolescence and Adulthood
- PSY350 Psychology of Women

³ Personality and Abnormal Courses Include:

- PSY313 Psychology of Personality
- PSY412 Abnormal Psychology
- PSY440 Clinical and Counseling Psychology

⁴ Applied Psychology Courses Include:

- PSY304 Industrial Psychology
- PSY315 Basics of Organizational Psychology
- PSY456 Disaster Psychology
- PSY458 Introduction to Psychological Testing

⁵ Graduate Content Core Courses Include:

- PSY530 Developmental Psychology
- PSY540 Applied Psychology
- PSY550 Social/Personality Psychology
- PSY560 Cognitive Processes