

MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

To declare a major in Psychology, students must have:

- Completed PSY272 Introductory Psychology
- A total cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or better and
- A Math Placement Level (MPL) of 3 or higher.

Students who receive three (3) transfer credits for a course considered equivalent to PSY275 Psychological Statistics may fulfill the major requirements with 40 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
Introductory Requirement (3 Credits)		
PSY272	Introductory Psychology	3
Methodological Skills Requirement (8 Credits)		
PSY275	Psychological Statistics ¹	4
PSY311	Research Methods in Psychology	4
Content Area Studies (18 Credits)		
Physiology, Learning and Cognition:		
Select two of the following:		6
PSY303	Introduction to the Psychology of Learning	
PSY305	Psychology of Perception	
PSY310	Psychology of Memory and Thinking	
PSY402	Psychology of Language	
PSY403	Health Psychology	
PSY436	Physiological Psychology	
Social, Developmental and History:		
Select two of the following:		6
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	
Personality and Abnormal:		
Select one of the following:		3
PSY313	Psychology of Personality	
PSY412	Abnormal Psychology	
PSY440	Clinical and Counseling Psy	
Applied:		
Select one of the following:		3
PSY304	Industrial Psychology	
PSY315	Basics of Organizational Psychology	
PSY456	Disaster Psychology	
PSY458	Introduction to Psychological Testing (prerequisite: PSY 275)	
Capstone Experience (3 Credits)		
PSY498	Seminar in Psychology (prerequisite: PSY 311)	3
Electives (9 Credits)		
Select three courses from any of the categories listed above or from the following: ²		9
PSY273	Psychology of Adjustment	
PSY295	Indep Study Psychology	

PSY307	Evolutionary Psychology
PSY309	Constructivism
PSY318	Group Behavior
PSY320	Behavior Modification: Principles and Procedures
PSY330	Crisis Intervention
PSY442	Psychological Study of Social Problems
PSY493	Selected Topic
PSY494	Fieldwork In Psychology
PSY495	Independent Study Psychology
PSY497	Internship in Psychology

Research Experience Component (0 Credits)

Select at least 12 half-hour experiential credits (i.e., 6 hours) completed

Total Credits 41

¹ See note above regarding transfer equivalencies.

² Each of the three may come from either this list OR may be an additional course coming from ANY of the categories above.

This **eight-semester plan** (see important details (<http://catalog.newpaltz.edu/undergraduate/additional-information-about-8-semester-plans>)) is intended to guide a first-year student through a four-year undergraduate career, with completion of an academic major and all college-wide degree requirements. The plan is designed as an **advising tool** – a starting point for careful discussions between a student and his/her academic adviser. In consultation, the student and adviser will adjust the plan to accommodate the student's prerequisite needs, transferred credits, and other such variables.

Students are responsible for reviewing their Progress Reports (<https://www3.newpaltz.edu/progressreports>) each semester to track their own progress toward degree requirements.

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
PSY272	Introductory Psychology ((SSCI)) ¹	3
	Gen Ed: The Arts (ART)	3
	Gen Ed: Composition (COMP)	3
	Gen Ed: Foreign Languages (FLNG)	3
	Gen Ed: Humanities (HUM)	3
Credits		15
Spring		
	Elective	3
PSY275	Psychological Statistics ((MATH))	4
	Gen Ed: Composition (COMP)	3
	Gen Ed: Foreign Languages (FLNG)	3
	Gen Ed: Diversity (DIVR)	3
Credits		16
Year 2		
Fall		
PSY311	Research Methods in Psychology	4
	Content Area Studies ³	3
	Gen Ed: United States Studies (USST)	3
	Elective	3

Psychology Elective ²	3
Credits	16
Spring	
Content Area Studies ³	3
Content Area Studies ³	3
Gen Ed: Western Civilization (WEST)	3
Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI)	3
Psychology Elective ²	3
Credits	15
Year 3	
Fall	
Content Area Studies ³	3
Content Area Studies ³	3
Gen Ed: World Civilizations and Cultures (WRLD)	3
Psychology Elective ²	3
Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI)	3
Credits	15
Spring	
Content Area Studies ³	3
Content Area Studies ³	3
Upper-Division Electives	9
Credits	15
Year 4	
Fall	
PSY498 Seminar in Psychology ((WI))	3
Upper-Division Major Elective	3
Upper-Division Electives	9
Credits	15
Spring	
Electives	10
Upper-division Elective	3
Credits	13
Total Credits	120

¹ Must be completed before major is declared.

² List A: Select three courses. Each of the three may come from either this list OR may be an additional course coming from ANY of the content area categories. PSY273 Psychology of Adjustment, PSY293 Psychology Select Topic, PSY295 Indep Study Psychology, PSY307 Evolutionary Psychology, PSY309 Constructivism, PSY318 Group Behavior, PSY320 Behavior Modification: Principles and Procedures, PSY330 Crisis Intervention, PSY442 Psychological Study of Social Problems, PSY493 Selected Topic, PSY494 Fieldwork In Psychology, PSY495 Independent Study Psychology, PSY497 Internship in Psychology.

³ Content Area Studies List 1 Physiology, Learning & Cognition (Select 2 of the following): PSY303 Introduction to the Psychology of Learning, PSY305 Psychology of Perception, PSY310 Psychology of Memory and Thinking, PSY402 Psychology of Language, PSY403 Health Psychology, PSY436 Physiological Psychology.
Content Area Studies List 2 Social, Developmental & History (Select 2 of the following): 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.
Content Area Studies List 3 Personality & Abnormal (Select 1 of the following): PSY313 Psychology of Personality, PSY412 Abnormal Psychology, PSY440 Clinical and Counseling Psy.
Content Area Studies List 4 Applied (Select 1 of the following): PSY304 Industrial Psychology, PSY315 Basics of Organizational Psychology, PSY456 Disaster Psychology, PSY458 Introduction to Psychological Testing.