

PSYCHOLOGY - BACHELOR OF ARTS (ONLINE)

General Requirements

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>), Viewing a Wider World requirements (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>), and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Students must receive a C- or better in courses.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
Select one from the following		4
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	
ENGL 1110H	Composition I Honors	
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
Select one from the following		3
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors (Recommended)	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
Select one from the following		3
ACOM 1130G	Effective Leadership and Communication in Agriculture	
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
HNRS 2175G	Introduction to Communication Honors	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
Select one from the following (students may need to complete prerequisites) ¹		3
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH 2350G	Statistical Methods	
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i> 10-11		
Select one of the following from Area III: Laboratory Sciences (4 credits)		
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory	
<i>Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences Course</i>		
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	
Either an Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences Course or Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (4 or 3 credits) ²		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		3

Select any Area V: Humanities course, but one of the following PHIL courses is recommended:²

PHIL 1145G	Philosophy, Law, and Ethics	
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 1140G	Philosophy and World Religions	
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought	
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking	
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ²		3
<i>General Education Elective</i> ²		3-4
Viewing A Wider World ³		6

Departmental/College Requirements (some overlap with Gen Ed)

PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology (this course will count towards the Area IV requirement above)	
Select one from the following:		3
PSYC 2210	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 2120	Developmental Psychology	
<i>Research Methods</i>		
PSYC 3110	Experimental Methods ⁴	0,4
PSYC 311	Advanced Research Seminar	4
<i>Basic Mechanisms</i>		
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
PSYC 2250	Brain and Behavior	
PSYC 376	Evolutionary Psychology	
PSYC 380	Perception	
<i>Acquisition and Use of Knowledge</i>		
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
PSYC 2220	Cognitive Psychology	
PSYC 383	Memory	
PSYC 442	Thinking	
<i>Understanding Behavior</i>		
Select one from the following:		3
PSYC 315	Emotion	
PSYC 2110	Social Psychology	
PSYC 321	Psychology of Personality	
Additional Electives ⁵		11
Non-Departmental Requirements (some overlap with Gen.Ed/VWW)		
Philosophy course 300-level or above ⁶		3
Statistics Course requirement, can be completed with one of the following (all but A ST 311 will count towards Gen.Ed requirements) ^{1, 7}		
A ST 311	Statistical Applications	
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH 2350G	Statistical Methods	
Introductory Biology requirement, can be completed with one of the following (all will count towards Gen.Ed requirements) ⁸		
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory	
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory	
Second Language: (required- see below)		13-15
Electives, to bring the total credits to 120⁹		31-35
Total Credits		116-120

- ¹ Either MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics, MATH 2350G Statistical Methods is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter MATH 1350G or MATH 2350G first.
- ² See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) of the catalog for a full list of courses
- ³ See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses
- ⁴ PSYC 3110 Experimental Methods: prerequisite of PSYC 1110G Introduction to Psychology and and either MATH 1350G, MATH 2350G, or A ST 311.
- ⁵ Additional electives to bring total credits in psychology to at least 34, with at least 24 of those 34 credits being upper division.
- ⁶ PHIL 346 Philosophy of Mind or PHIL 351 Philosophy of Science recommended
- ⁷ Students who are considering graduate study are strongly encouraged to take math classes beyond the minimum statistics course requirement.
- ⁸ A course that includes a laboratory is highly recommended, and is required if intended to satisfy Gen Ed Area III
- ⁹ Elective credit may vary based on General Education course selection, second language requirements, prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.

Second Language Requirement

For the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology there is a two year second language requirement, the options to complete this requirement are listed below. The number of credits that a student needs to take may vary depending on what level they come in with. Please speak with an advisor for more information as to which courses you will need to take to fulfill the second language requirement for this degree.

Option 1:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Complete one of the following sequences:		
FREN 1110 & FREN 1120 & FREN 2110 & FREN 2120	French I and French II and French III and French IV	3-14
GRMN 1110 & GRMN 1120 & GRMN 2110 & GRMN 2120	German I and German II and German III and German IV	3-14
JAPN 1110 & JAPN 1120 & JAPN 2110 & JAPN 2120	Japanese I and Japanese II and Japanese III and Japanese IV	3-14
SPAN 1110 & SPAN 1120 & SPAN 2110 & SPAN 2120	Spanish I and Spanish II and Spanish III and Spanish IV	3-14
PORT 1110 & PORT 1120	Portuguese I and Portuguese II	3-6

For Heritage Speakers:

SPAN 1210 & SPAN 1220 & SPAN 2210	Elementary Spanish for Heritage Learners I and Spanish for Heritage Learners II and Spanish for Heritage Learners III	3-9
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Option 2:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Complete the following sequence for American Sign Language (with a C- or better):		
SIGN 1110	American Sign Language I	3
SIGN 1120	American Sign Language II	3
SIGN 2110	American Sign Language III	3

Option 3:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Challenge the 2120 level for the following courses:		
FREN 1120 or GRMN 2120 or JAPN 2120 or SPAN 2120	French II German IV Japanese IV Spanish IV	4
<i>OR</i>		
Challenge the 1120/2210 level for the following courses:		
PORT 1120 or SPAN 2210	Portuguese II Spanish for Heritage Learners III	3

Option 4: Computer Science Track

Prefix	Title	Credits
C S 153	Python Programming I	3
C S 154	Python Programming II	3
C S 158	R Programming I	3
Under special circumstances, alternative combinations of CS courses may be approved by the Department Head		
Total Credits		9

Option 5: Math Track

Prefix	Title	Credits
MATH 1220G	College Algebra	3
MATH 1250G	Trigonometry & Pre-Calculus	4
MATH 1511G	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I	4
MATH 1521G	Calculus and Analytic Geometry II	4
Total Credits		15

Option 6:

Pass a three-credit, upper-division course (numbered 300 or above) taught in a second language by the department of Languages and Linguistics.

Option 7:

Obtain college certification of completion of three years of a second language at the high school level with a grade of C- or higher in the second-year level.

Option 8:

By obtaining certification of a working knowledge of a Native American language from the American Indian program director.

Option 9:

By obtaining, from the head of the Department of Languages and Linguistics, certification of a working knowledge of a second language if such language is not taught at NMSU.

Option 10:

In the case of a foreign student who is required to take the TOEFL exam admission, the dean will automatically waive the second language requirement.

A Suggested Plan of Study for Students

This roadmap assumes student placement in MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics and ENGL 1110G Composition I. The contents and order of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. It is only a suggested plan of study for students and is not intended as a contract. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

First Year

Semester 1		Credits
ENGL 1110G	Composition I ¹	4
Choose from one of the following:		3
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics ¹	
MATH 2350G	Statistical Methods ¹	
A ST 311	Statistical Applications ¹	
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
Area V: Humanities Course (recommend one of the following:) ²		3
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought	
FYEX 1112	The Freshman Year Experience (OR Area I: Communications Course) ²	3
Credits		16

Semester 2

COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
Choose from one of the following:		4
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory	
First Course in Second Language Series		3-4
Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts Course ²		3
Elective Course		3
Credits		16-17

Second Year

Semester 1

Choose from one of the following:		3
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors ¹	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science ¹	
Area III: Laboratory Science Course OR Area IV: Social and Behavioral Science Course ²		3-4
General Education Elective Course ²		3-4
Next Course in Second Language Series ¹		3-4

PSY Upper-Division (refer to degree requirements list) ¹		3
Credits		15-18
Semester 2		
PSYC 3110	Experimental Methods ¹	0-4
Next Course in Second Language Series (OR Elective Course if Second Language Requirement Fulfilled) ¹		3-4
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
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Minor (or Elective) Course		3
Credits		12-17
Third Year		
Semester 1		
PSYC 311	Advanced Research Seminar ¹	4
Choose from one of the following PSYC Core Courses:		3
PSYC 2210	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 2120	Developmental Psychology	
Choose from one of the following PSYC Basic Mechanics Courses:		4
PSYC 2250	Brain and Behavior	
PSYC 376	Evolutionary Psychology ¹	
PSYC 380	Perception ¹	
Next Course in Second Language Series (OR Elective Course if Second Language Requirement Fulfilled) ¹		3-4
Elective Course		1
Credits		15-16
Semester 2		
VWW: Viewing a Wider World Course ³		3
Choose from one of the following PSYC Acquisition courses:		3-4
PSYC 2220	Cognitive Psychology ¹	
PSYC 383	Memory ¹	
PSYC 442	Thinking ¹	
Choose from one of the following PSYC Behavior courses:		3
PSYC 315	Emotion ¹	
PSYC 2110	Social Psychology ¹	
PSYC 321	Psychology of Personality ¹	
Upper-Division Minor (or Elective) Course ¹		3
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
Credits		15-16
Fourth Year		
Semester 1		
PSYC Upper-Division Elective Course ¹		3
PSYC Upper-Division Elective Course ¹		3
PHIL Upper-Division Elective Course ¹		3
Upper-Division Minor (or Elective) Course ¹		3
Viewing a Wider World Course ³		3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
PSYC Upper-Division Elective Course ¹		3
Upper-Division Minor (or Elective) Course ¹		3
Elective Course		3
Elective Course (as needed)		3
Credits		12
Total Credits		116-127

¹ These courses may have prerequisites and/or co-requisites, and it is the students responsibility for checking and fulfilling all those requirements.

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