Answers to Frequently-Asked Questions regarding the Psychology Major

Course requirements

- Can an 8000-level psychology course be counted as a psychology course with number 2000 or above for the purpose of satisfying the psychology major or minor? **YES**

- Can Psychology 4591 or 3591 (previously 4191) and Psychology 4997 (previously Psychology 4197) be taken as part of the course in special honors in psychology, be counted as part of the 9 hours of elective courses with numbers 2000 or above that are required for the psychology major? **YES**

- Does Exercise Science 2117W (Sport Psychology) count as a psychology course for the purpose of satisfying the psychology major or minor? **NO**

- What are the equivalents of Statistics 1053? **STATISTICS 1051, STATISTICS 1091, STATISTICS 1111, STATISTICS 1127**

- Are Sociology 2101 (Social Research Methods) and Sociology 2102 (Techniques of Data Analysis) equivalent to Statistics 1053 or to Psychology 4106W (previously 3106W), 4107W, 4201W, 4202W, or 4203W? **NO**

- Can courses simultaneously fulfill general education requirements and requirements for the psychology major? **YES**

- How many times and for how many credits can Psychology 3591 and or 4591 be taken? **A TOTAL OF 9 CREDITS IN THESE COURSES CAN BE COUNTED TOWARD GRADUATION. A TOTAL OF 3 CREDITS CAN BE COUNTED TOWARD THE MAJOR.**

Grading

- Are there any performance requirements in courses taken for the major? A GRADE OF C- OR BETTER MUST BE EARNED IN ALL OF THE COURSES WITH NUMBERS 2000 AND ABOVE THAT ARE APPLIED TOWARD THE MAJOR

- What happens if a student gets less than a C- in a course with number 2000 and above? **THE COURSE IN QUESTION DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD THE MAJOR. THE STUDENT MUST EITHER TAKE ANOTHER COURSE THAT SATISFIES THE SAME REQUIREMENT AS THE COURSE IN QUESTION OR RETAKE THE COURSE IN QUESTION. IN THE LATTER EVENT, THE FOLLOWING IS THE CASE: A) THE STUDENT MUST SUBMIT AN EXCEPTION REQUEST TO THE COLLEGE (FORM AVAILABLE FROM THE COLLEGE) BEARING THE SIGNATURE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY ADVISOR. B) IF THE STUDENT HAS ALREADY EARNED CREDITS IN THE COURSE (IN OTHER WORDS, IF THE STUDENT HAS EARNED MORE THAN AN F IN THE COURSE) THE STUDENT WILL EARN NO ADDITIONAL CREDIT IN TAKING THE COURSE A SECOND TIME.**

- Can courses for the major be taken pass/fail? **NO. THIS IS A COLLEGE RULE AND APPLIES TO COURSES IN RELATED FIELDS (.i.e. STATISTICS 1053).**

- Is Statistics 1053 counted in computing a student’s psychology GPA? **YES**

- Does student need to get C- or better in Statistics 1053? **NO**
Special honors

- To graduate with honors in Psychology, a student must attain a GPA of 3.5. Is that at the point of application for honors or at graduation? BOTH

- Does the GW transcript record the fact that a student has graduated with special honors in psychology, or with a concentration in a certain area of psychology? NO, THE STUDENT RECEIVES A LETTER TO THAT EFFECT FROM THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

- When must a student apply for special honors in psychology. BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF CLASSES IN THEIR SENIOR YEAR

Honors seminar

- Are there any restrictions on enrollment in the honors seminar? THE ONLY RESTRICTIONS ARE THOSE IMPOSED BY THE INSTRUCTOR

- Can a student take the honors seminar more than once? YES