Answers to Frequently-Asked Questions regarding the Psychology Major

Course requirements

• Do art and music history courses count as history courses for the purpose of satisfying the social science component of the psychology major? NO

• Can an 8000-level psychology course be counted as a psychology course with number > 2110 for the purpose of satisfying the psychology major or minor? YES

• Can Psychology 4191 and Psychology 4197, taken as part of the course in special honors in psychology, be counted as part of the 9 hours of elective courses with numbers > 2110 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

• Can Human Services courses count toward the social science component of the psychology major? NO

• Can a student fulfill the social science requirement of the psychology major through AP credit? YES, IF THE COURSES ARE CREDITED ON THE STUDENT’S TRANSCRIPT

• 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 3106? NO

• Are students who take Sociology 2101 and Sociology 2102 excused from taking Psychology 2101? YES, BUT THEY STILL MUST TAKE 25 HOURS OF PSYCHOLOGY COURSES WITH NUMBERS > 2110. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY NEED TO TAKE SOME OTHER PSYCHOLOGY COURSE WITH NUMBER > 2110 INSTEAD OF PSYCHOLOGY 2101.

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

• Can Psychology 2101, 3106, 3118, 3121, 3122, 3123, 3124, and 4196 be taken at other institutions? A STUDENT MAY SUBSTITUTE A COURSE AT ANOTHER INSTITUTION FOR ONE OF THESE COURSES ONLY IF THE STUDENT HAS ALREADY TAKEN THE COURSE IN QUESTION AT GW AND EARNED LESS THAN A C-.  

• How many times can Psychology 4191 be taken? THREE TIMES. NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE COURSE CAN ONLY COUNT ONCE TOWARD THE REQUIREMENTS FOR 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 GREATER THAN 2100 THAT ARE APPLIED TOWARD THE MAJOR (25 HOURS OF COURSES WITH NUMBERS GREATER THAN 2100 ARE REQUIRED FOR THE MAJOR)

• What happens if a student gets less than a C- in a course with number greater than 2100? 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 CASE, THE STUDENT MUST SUBMIT AN EXCEPTION REQUEST

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TO THE COLLEGE (FORM AVAILABLE FROM THE COLLEGE) BEARING THE SIGNATURE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY ADVISOR

- Can courses for the major be taken pass/fail? NO. THIS IS A COLLEGE RULE AND APPLIES TO COURSES IN RELATED FIELDS SUCH AS STATISTICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.

- Are statistics and social science courses counted in computing a student's psychology GPA? NO

- Does student need to get C- or better in Statistics 1053 and the social science courses that he/she takes. 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

**Other**

- Does a double major need the signature of both major advisors in order to register? YES

- Does a student need to have his/her hold removed if he/she is studying abroad during the next semester YES. THE ADVISOR’S APPROVAL FORM SHOULD BE FILED BEARING THE INFORMATION THAT THE STUDENT IS STUDYING ABROAD.

- How does a student get his/her courses approved in order to register while abroad? THE STUDENT SHOULD CONTACT THE STUDY ABROAD ADVISOR AT PSABROAD@GWU.EDU

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