

Psychology Major Requirements Checklist

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree

At least 18 credits in Psychology that will be applied towards the major must be completed at UMBC. Many courses have prerequisites: check the UMBC Undergraduate Catalog for information.

68-69 total credits. All courses must be passed with a C or better. (Rev. 10/2025 AB)

Please note: Not all courses are offered each semester. Core courses will be offered each Fall and Spring semester. At least one course from each domain will be offered each Fall and Spring semester. Please take this into consideration when planning your schedule.

Core Requirements (24 Credits)	Semester completed	Prerequisites
PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology		None
PSYC 210: Psychology of Learning		PSYC 100 with a 'C' or better before you can enroll in this course
PSYC 335: Physiological Psychology		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
PSYC 370: Sensation and Perception		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a C or better
PSYC 309: Psychology: Exploring the Discipline and Careers		PSYC 100 and ENGL 100
PSYC 311: Research Methods in Psychology I		PSYC 211 or PSYC 309 and either STAT 121 or STAT 350 or STAT 351 or STAT 355 or STAT 451 both with a "C" or better
PSYC 312: Research Methods in Psychology II		PSYC 311 with a 'B' or better
One course from each of the following domains. <u>No more than two courses at the 200-level.</u> (12 credits)		
Social, Personality, and Abnormal:		
PSYC 285: Abnormal Psychology		PSYC 100 with a 'C' or better before you can enroll in this course
PSYC 340: Social Psychology		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
PSYC 361: Psychology of Emotion		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
PSYC 380: Personality		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
PSYC 382: Child & Adolescent Psychopathology		PSYC 100 and PSYC 285 both with a grade of 'C' or better
Development:		
PSYC 200: Child Developmental Psychology		PSYC 100 with a 'C' or better before you can enroll in this course
PSYC 304: Adolescent Psychology		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
PSYC 305: The Exceptional Child		PSYC 100 and either (PSYC 200 or PSYC 306) both with a grade of 'C' or better
PSYC 306: Lifespan Human Development		PSYC 100 with a 'C' or better before you can enroll in this course
PSYC 307: Psychology of Aging		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
PSYC 365: Children with Disabilities		PSYC 100 and either (PSYC 200 or PSYC 306) with a C or better
Culture, Diversity, and Context:		
PSYC 230: Psychology & Culture		PSYC 100 with a 'C' or better before you can enroll in this course
PSYC 255: Psychology of the Black Experience in the U.S.		PSYC 100 with a 'C' or better before you can enroll in this course
PSYC 330: Child Development & Culture		PSYC 100 and either (PSYC 200 or PSYC 306) with a 'C' or better
PSYC 356: The Psychology of Sex & Gender		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
PSYC 357: Psychology of Women & Gender		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
PSYC 387: Community Psychology		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
Applied Psychology:		
PSYC 308: Child Maltreatment		PSYC 100 and either (PSYC 200 or PSYC 285 or PSYC 306) both with a grade of 'C' or better
PSYC 320: Psychological Assessment		PSYC 100 and STAT 121 with a grade of 'C' or better
PSYC 324: Introduction to Interviewing Techniques		PSYC 100 and PSYC 285 or PSYC 380 both with a grade of 'C' or better
PSYC 342: The Psychology of Aggression & Antisocial Behavior		PSYC 100 and PSYC 285, both with a 'C' or better.
PSYC 345: Introduction to Clinical Psychology & Psychotherapy		PSYC 100 and PSYC 285 both with a grade of 'C' or better

PSYC 346: Industrial & Organization Psychology		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
PSYC 350: Psychology and the Law		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
PSYC 385: Health Psychology		PSYC 100 and one other PSYC course both with a 'C' or better
Additional Upper-Level PSYC Courses (6 credits) At least 3 credits must be at the 400 level.		May not use: PSYC 331, 332, 397, 398, 399, 490, 498, 499
PSYC 3xx		Prerequisite varies
PSYC 4xx		PSYC 311
Interdisciplinary Coursework: (23-24 credits)		
BIOL 140: Foundations of Biology: Ecology & Evolution		MATH 150 or MATH 151 or MATH 155 or equivalent with a 'C' or better or have MATH test placement into MATH 151
BIOL 141: Foundations of Biology: Cells, Energy & Organisms		MATH 150 or MATH 151 or MATH 155 or equivalent with a 'C' or better, or have MATH test placement into MATH 151
BIOL 302: Genetics		[BIOL 100 or BIOL 100H or BIOL 141 or BIOL 141H] and BIOL 140 and [MATH 150 or MATH 151 or MATH 155, or have equivalent AP credit or MATH placement into MATH 151]. You must complete or be concurrently enrolled in CHEM 102 or CHEM 102H or CHEM 124. All prerequisites must be completed with a grade of "C" or better
MATH 150: Pre-Calculus OR MATH 155 Applied Calculus		MATH 106 or MATH 106Y with a grade of "C" or better or scored a 4 or 5 on the LRC MATH placement exam to enroll in this course
CHEM 101 & 102 OR CHEM 123 & 124		MATH 106 or MATH 106Y or MATH 150 or MATH 151 or MATH 155 with a C or better or have AP credit for MATH 150 or MATH 151 or have a MATH placement score of 4 or 5
Research Experience: (3 credits) One or more of the following: PSYC 397, 490, 498, 499, or other advisor-approved experience. Note: The change from 6 to 3 credits goes into effect Spring 2023.		PSYC 397: 6 credits max PSYC 490: You must complete and either PSYC 311 or PSYC 332 and 11 additional credits in PSYC all with a C or better PSYC 498 and PSYC 498H: You must complete either PSYC 311 or PSYC 332 and PSYC 397 or PSYC 490 before taking this class with a 'C' or better. (You must get a Pass in PSYC 397) PSYC 499H: PSYC 498H

Optional

PSYC 398: Applied Psychology Internship		PSYC 100 with a "C" or better before taking this class Repeatable for a maximum of 6 credits
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