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B.S. in PSYCHOLOGY
Suggested 4-Year Academic Flowchart

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FRESHMAN

Fall	Winter	Spring

Orient. to the Psych Major
PSY 102 (2)
(PSY major)

Social Psychology
PSY 252 (4)
(PSY 201 or 202)

General Psychology
PSY 201 or 202 (4)
[E]

Developmental Psych.
CD / PSY 256 (4)
(PSY 201 or 202)

Intro to Stats
STAT 217 (4)*
[B4]

Biology
ASCI 112 (4)*, BIO 111 (4)*, BIO 123 (4)*, or BIO 161 (4)* [B2]

Oral Communication
COMS 101/102 (4)**
[A1]

Expository Writing
ENGL 133/134 (4)**
[A2]

Reasoning, Argumentation, & Writing [A3]
COMS 126, 145, ENGL 145, 147, ES 145, PHIL 126, or WGQS 145 (4)**
(Completion of GE A2 with a C- or better)
Can be taken anytime between Winter of Freshman and Winter of Sophomore Years.

GE (4)**
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SOPHOMORE

Fall	Winter	Spring

Biological & Cognitive Electives
Select 2 from: PSY 330, PSY 357, PSY 430, PSY 440, PSY 458, or PSY 480 (8)*

Social & Personality Electives
Select 2 from: PSY 302, PSY 305, PSY 350, PSY 352, PSY 360, PSY 465, or PSY 475 (8)*

Mental and Physical Health Electives
Select 2 from: PSY 318, PSY 320, PSY 325, PSY 370, PSY 375, PSY 405, or PSY/CD 460 (8)*

Research Methods in Psychology
PSY 329 (4)
(PSY 201 or 202; STAT 217)

Quantitative Research Methods for the Behavioral Sciences
PSY 333 (4)
(PSY 329; STAT 217)

Biopsychology
PSY 340 (4)
(Jr Standing; GE Area A w/min C-, B4 w/min C-; PSY 201 or 202) [Upper-Division B]

Support Elective (4) [1]

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Free Elective (4)
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JUNIOR

Fall	Winter	Spring

Electives
PSY 300-400 (4)
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Multicultural Psychology **PSY 372 (4)**
(PSY 201 or 202; Soph Standing) [USCP]

The Helping Relationship **PSY 323 (4)**
(Jr Standing, one USCP course, or Instr. Consent)

Choose one
BIO 302 (4)* or PSY 344 (4)*
[GE Elective]

GE (4)**
GE (4)**
Free Elective (4)

Graduation Writing Requirement   GWR*
(Students can attempt to fulfill the requirement after 90 earned units; students should complete the requirement before senior year)

SENIOR

Fall	Winter	Spring

Senior Project Seminar
PSY 461 (2)
(PSY 329; Sr Standing)

Senior Project
PSY 462 (2)
(PSY 461)

Supervised Fieldwork &/or Research Internship
Select one course from the following:
PSY 448, 449, 453, 454 (5)
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Electives
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Free Elective (4)
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TOTAL YEARLY UNITS		46	**TOTAL YEARLY UNITS**		44	**TOTAL YEARLY UNITS**		44	**TOTAL YEARLY UNITS**		46

TOTAL: 180

Notes:

MOST GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES CAN BE TAKEN IN ANY ORDER AS LONG AS PREREQUISITES ARE MET

* Refer to current catalog for prerequisites.

**One course from each of the following GE areas must be completed: A1, A2, A3, B1, C1, C2, Lower-Division C Elective, Upper-Division C, D1, D2, Upper-Division D, F, and GE Elective. Upper-Division C and Upper-Division D should be taken only after Junior standing is reached (90 units).

Refer to online catalog for GE course selection and Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR).

[1] Select one from the following: CD 424; ES 320, 321, 322, 323, 380, 381; ES/WGQS 350; PSY 260, 304; PSY/WGQS 324; WGQS 301, 320, 340; WGQS/RELS 370.
Some courses on this list may have prerequisites that may be taken as Free Electives. If GE courses are taken for a letter grade and used as Support Elective, additional Free Elective units may be required to complete the 180 total degree requirement. See college advisor for additional information.

Legend:

Course Title
Course # (Units)
(Prerequisite)

[GE Area]

Major (84)	
Support (16)	
General Ed. (52)	
Free Electives (28)	

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