

PSYCHOLOGY 375000BA

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CURRICULUM GUIDE FOR STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THIS PROGRAM FOR FALL 2015 OR LATER:

1 st Year	Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
	<i>Math Requirement</i> (Note a)	4	Appropriate placement by advisor
	<i>English Composition I Requirement</i> (Note b)	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
	Beginning Language I (Note c)	4	
	-OR-	or	
7700:101	American Sign Language I	3	
3750:100	<i>Introduction to Psychology</i> (<i>Social Science Requirement</i>) (Note d)	3	
3750:105	Professional & Career Issues (Note d)	1	3750:100 corequisite
Total		14-15	

1 st Year	Spring Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
	<i>English Composition II Requirement</i> (Note b)	3	3300:111 or equivalent
	Beginning Language II	4	Beginning Language I
	-OR-	or	or
7700:102	American Sign Language II	3	7700:101
	<i>Natural Science Requirement</i>	4	
	<i>Speech/ Oral Communication Requirement</i>	3	
	<i>Physical Education/Wellness Requirement</i>	1	
Total		14-15	

2 nd Year	Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3750:110	Quantitative Methods in Psychology (Notes a, d)	4	3750:100, prerequisite or corequisite
	<i>Natural Science Requirement</i>	4	
7700:201	Intermediate Language I	3	Beginning Language II
	-OR-		or
	American Sign Language III		7700:102
	Psychology Content Course (Note e)	4	3750:100
Total		15	

2 nd Year	Spring Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
	Intermediate Language II	3	Beginning Language II
	-OR-	or	or
7700:202	American Sign Language IV -AND	3	7700:201
7700:222	Survey of Deaf Culture in America	2	Sign Language students only
3850:100	<i>Introduction to Sociology</i> (<i>Recommended Social Science Requirement</i>)	3	
3750:220	Introduction to Experimental Psychology	4	3750:100, 3750:110

	(Lecture & Lab) (Note d)		
3400:210 or 3400:221	<i>Humanities in the Western Tradition</i> -OR- <i>Humanities in the World Since 1300</i>	4	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent
	<i>Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement</i>	2	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent
Total		16-17	

3rd Year Fall Semester			
	Psychology Content Course (Note e)	4	3750:100
3750:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Psychology Elective (Notes f)	4	3750:100
	<i>Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement</i>	2	
	<i>Humanities Requirement</i>	3	
	<i>Humanities Requirement</i>	3	
Total		16	

3rd Year Spring Semester			
	Psychology Content Course (Note e)	4	3750:100
	Psychology Content Course (Note e)	4	3750:100
3750:3xx/4xx	Psychology Elective (300/400 level) (Note f)	4	3750:100
xxxx:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Elective (Note g,h)	3	
Total		15	

4th Year Fall Semester			
3750:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Psychology Elective (Notes f)	4	3750:100
xxxx:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Elective (Note g,h)	4	
xxxx:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Elective (Note g,h)	4	
xxxx:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Elective (Note g,h)	3	
Total		15	

4th Year Spring Semester			
xxxx:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Elective (Note g,h)	3	
	Free Elective (Note h)	3	
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	Free Elective (Note h)	4	
Total		13	

Minimum Credits for Degree	120 min
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NOTES:

- a. The Psychology Department recommends that a student take 3470:250, Statistics for Everyday Life or 3470:260, Basic Statistics, or 3470:261 and 3470:262, Introductory Statistics I and II. It is strongly recommended that a student complete statistics prior to 3750:110, Quantitative Methods in Psychology.
- b. For English Composition I, 3300:111 (English Composition I) or 3300:113 (African-American Language and Culture I) are the recommended classes to meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:121 (English) fulfills the English Composition I requirement. For English Composition II, 3300:112 (English Composition II) or 3300:114 (African-American Language and Culture II) are the recommended classes to meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:222 (Technical Report Writing) fulfills the English Composition II requirement.

- c. Demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language is required. See your advisor for placement. Please note that all four semesters must be completed in the SAME language and it's recommended you begin your first language class as soon as possible.
- d. Required Core Psychology courses:

3750:100 Introduction to Psychology, 3 credits	3750:110 Quantitative Methods in Psychology, 4 credits
3750:105 Professional & Career Issues in Psy., 1 credit	3750:220 Intro. To Experimental Psychology, 4 credits
- e. 16 credits are required from the Content Specialties coursework: All course options are 4 credits.

3750:230 Developmental Psychology	3750:340 Social Psychology
3750:320 Biopsychology	3750:345 Cognitive Processes
3750:335 Dynamics of Personality	3750:410 Psychological Tests & Measurement
- f. A minimum of 12 hours of Psychology electives is required. Talk to an academic advisor or refer to the Psychology career brochures found at <http://www.uakron.edu/psychology/careers/> or in the department for class suggestions.
- g. A Psychology major may pursue any certificate and/or minor. Psychology majors often pursue certificates and/or minors in Business, Computer Science, Sociology, Women's Studies, and Gerontology. See your academic advisor.
- h. General electives can be any course not already required by your major and Upper Level (300/400) electives can be any course in or outside your major excluding workshops.

Psychology Undergraduate Advising Office, CAS 350, 330-972-6324
Appointment sign-up also available in the Psychology Department, CAS 341.
Chair of Undergraduate Programs, Dr. Kevin Kraut, 330-972-2196, kpk@uakron.edu

PSYCHOLOGY AS A CAREER: Psychology examines the nature of human experience and behavior, and attempts to explain what we think, feel and do. Baccalaureate training in Psychology follows a liberal arts model and typically leads to employment in business or mental health/social services occupations (e.g., general administrative and management jobs, community mental health centers, vocational rehabilitation offices, correctional programs) or graduate training in Psychology or other disciplines (e.g., law, business, education, medicine, social work, counseling, human resource management, or gerontology). Graduate training is needed for professional employment, with a doctorate required to hold the title of Psychologist (except School Psychologist which requires the M.A.). In 2008, over 90,000 Psychology majors graduated according to the National Center for Educational Statistics. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, almost 170,200 jobs were held by Psychologists in the U.S. in 2008 mostly in government, business, industry, colleges, universities, clinics and hospitals.

PLACEMENT: A student is encouraged to check with his/her major department and with the Career Center, Student Union 211, (330) 972-7747, regarding employment opportunities in the field.

EDUCATION AND EARNINGS: According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) in 2005, recipients of a Baccalaureate degree in Psychology received job offers most frequently in the areas of management, teaching, counseling and sales. A Baccalaureate degree holder can teach Psychology in secondary schools if licensed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the median annual earnings of Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists were \$64,140 in 2008, and the median was \$77,010 for industrial-organizational psychologists (i.e., those holding an M.A. for School Psychologists or a Ph.D. for clinical, counseling, and Industrial-Organizational Psychologists).

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS WITH GRADUATE DEGREES (MA OR PH.D.): Expectations for placement in all specialty areas in Psychology are expected to grow faster than average through 2014. Depending upon the specialty area, a Psychologist can expect placement in a variety of settings including academics, business, health, industry, and private practice. Further career information may be obtained in a pamphlet, "Careers in Psychology," published by the American Psychological Association. Information about how to obtain this pamphlet is available in the Department of Psychology Undergraduate Advising Office, CAS 350.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION: Co-op offers students the opportunity to combine college experience with practical work experience in a paid, academically related employment position. For Psychology majors, a co-op placement may be used to fulfill the course requirement of 3750:495, Field Experience in Psychology, if the student has completed the required prerequisites.

TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: Students should apply to the college upon the attainment of:
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