**Psychology Major**

In terms of course sequencing, the Psychology Major is flexible, giving students many choices regarding the order in which to take courses. Here are some ideas to keep in mind:

PSY 101 is a pre-requisite for all other PSY courses

The Core courses must be taken in this order: PSY 121, PSY 203, PSY 299

The Foundation Courses (PSY 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 220, 267) have only PSY 101 as pre-requisite

Most Specialized (300-level) Courses have one Foundation Course and PSY 121 as pre-requisites (but check the course catalog for specifics)

The Senior Experience (400-level) must be taken after PSY 299

Only PSY majors may take the following courses: PSY 203, PSY 299, all 400-level courses

**Sample course sequence**

**First Year**

FSP First Seminar 1 course unit

PSY 096/Orientation to Psychology 0 course units

PSY 101/General Psychology 1 course unit

PSY 121/Methods and Tools of Psychology (*Prerequisite:* PSY 101) 1 course unit

PSY 1-2 Foundation courses 1-2 course unit

WRI 102/Academic Writing (if not exempted) 1 course unit

Foreign Language (if not exempted) 2 course units

Liberal Learning 1-3 course units

**Total for year 8 course units**

**Sophomore Year**

PSY 097/Exploring the Psychology Major 0 course units

PSY 203/Design and Statistical Analysis (*Prerequisite:* PSY 121) 1 course unit

PSY 299/Research Seminar (*Prerequisite:* PSY 203) 1 course unit

PSY Foundation courses 1-2 course units

PSY Specialized course 1 course unit

Foreign Language (as needed) 1 course unit

Liberal Learning courses 2-4 course units

**Total for year 8 course units**

*Psychology majors may choose an optional Specialization by submitting the Specialization Choice Sheet (available on the Psychology Department website) to the Psychology Department office. We recommend that students take PSY 299 (Research Seminar) in the chosen Specialization when possible.*

**Junior Year**

PSY 098/Exploring the Psychology Profession 0 course units

PSY Specialized courses 1-2 course units

PSY Psychology Option (any 200- or 300-level psychology course) 1 course unit

Liberal Learning courses 1-2 course units

Electives (may include additional PSY courses) 3-4 course units

**Total for year 8 course units**

**Senior Year**

PSY 099/Psychology Professional Seminar 0 course units

PSY Specialized course 1 course unit

PSY Senior Experience course (*Prerequisite:* PSY 299) 1 course unit

Liberal Learning courses 1-2 course units

Electives 4-5 course units

**Total for year 8 course units**