

Department of Psychology
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
For First-year and Transfer Students Entering Fall 2021 and After

STUDENT NAME: _____ FACULTY ADVISOR: _____

REQUIRED COURSES			
Course	Prerequisites	Credit	Semester completed
FOUNDATION COURSES (4 credits)			
PSYC100 Introduction to Psychology ^{note 1}	None	3	
PSYC101 Introductory Seminar in Psychology	PSYC major	1	
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (8 credits)			
PSYC290 Psychological Research & Statistics I	PSYC100 and Tier I Quant. Reasoning	4	
PSYC291 Psychological Research & Statistics II	C or better in PSYC 290	4	
PRIMARY CONTENT DOMAINS (12 credits)			
CHOOSE FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING SIX (AT LEAST TWO MUST BE 300-LEVEL)			
PSYC208/208H Applied Developmental or PSYC210 Developmental Psychology	PSYC100, SOCI100 or a 100-level S&S course	3	
PSYC230 Social Psychology ^{note 1}	PSYC100, SOCI100 or a 100-level S&S course	3	
PSYC270 Abnormal Psychology	PSYC100 or a 100-level S&S course	3	
PSYC310 Cognitive Psychology	PSYC 291	3	
PSYC316 Behavior Analysis	PSYC 100	3	
PSYC331 Biological Psychology	PSYC 291	3	
ADVANCED RESEARCH AND METHODS (4 credits)			
CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE			
PSYC360 Measurement and Assessment	PSYC 291	4	
PSYC390 Research Design and Analysis	PSYC 291	4	
PSYC397 Research Seminar	instructor approval	4	
UPPER LEVEL ELECTIVES (6-8 credits)			
CHOOSE TWO COURSES (must be 300 level or higher)^{note2}			
PSYC	(varies)	3	
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PSYC CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE (4 credits)			
PSYC301 Psychology Professional Seminar	PSYC101, JR status, PSYC major	1	
CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE			
PSYC410 History of Psychology	PSYC 291 & completion of 9 upper-level PSYC credits	3	
PSYC499 Advanced Seminar in Psychology		3	
PSYC550 Senior Thesis ^{note 3}	SR PSYC major & department approval	3	
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR:		38-40	

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MCLA CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

INTEGRATIVE FOUNDATIONAL LEVEL	Course		Semester	
Critical Reading, Thinking, Writing (CWR, 3 cr)	ENGL 150			
Quantitative Reasoning (CMA, 3 cr)	MATH232 preferred			
Health and Wellness ^{note 4} (CHW, 3 cr)	PHED 215 Lifetime Wellness			
INTEGRATIVE CONTENT LEVEL	Course 1	Semester	Course 2	Semester
Creative Arts, must take two courses (CCA, 6 cr)				
Human Heritage, must take two courses (CHH, 6 cr)				
Self and Society ^{note 1} must take two courses (CSS, 6 cr)				
Science & Technology, must take two courses, one of which is a 4-credit lab course (CSTL, CST, 7-8 cr)				
Language, Culture, and Communication ^{note 4} (CLA, 3 cr) <i>(competency at the 102 level)</i>				
First Year Seminar <i>(One Integrative Content course will also fulfill FSEM requirement)</i>				
INTEGRATIVE CAPSTONE SEMINAR	Course		Semester	
Core Capstone (CAP, 3 cr) <i>Mass Transfer Block students are NOT exempt from this requirement</i>				

UPPER-LEVEL (300-LEVEL OR ABOVE) Course Requirements	Credits	Complete?
Integrative Capstone Seminar	3	
PSYC 360, 390, or 397	4	
Primary Content Domain (300 level) 2 courses	3	
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Psychology upper-level electives, 2 courses	3	
	3	
PSYC 301	1	
Psych Capstone Experience	3	
Upper-level elective	3	
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TOTAL (must be at least 39 upper-level credits)	39-41	

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	Complete?
Completion of 120 credits <i>(no more than 5 PHED activity credits)</i>	
At least 45 credits completed through MCLA	
At least 39 upper-division credits (300- 500 level)	
Final 15 credits of course work completed through MCLA	
Overall MCLA GPA at least 2.00	
Completion of Core Curriculum	
Completion of Major Requirements	
Major GPA at least 2.00	
At least one-half of major credits through MCLA	
Completion of requirements for second major, minor and/or teacher licensure <i>(if applicable)</i>	

(note 3 cont'd) psychology faculty, is required prior to enrollment in the thesis course. See your advisor for further information.

NOTES FOR PSYCHOLOGY AND CORE REQUIREMENTS:

note 1 Psychology courses carrying core Self & Society credit (PSYC100 and PSYC230) may **not** be used to meet both Department and Core requirements.

note 2 Upper division psychology elective courses are listed in the current college catalog, along with their specific prerequisites.

note 3 Registration for PSYC550, Senior Thesis, is by special arrangement with a faculty member. It requires completion of a formal thesis on a significant topic in psychology. Intended for senior psychology majors, a literature review and proposal, along with approval of two members of the

note 4 Tier I Language Requirement Students are waived from this requirement if they have completed a level 4 course of the same language in high school (with C average) or if they pass MCLA's placement test with a proficiency at the 102 level or higher