

Department of Psychology
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
For First-year and Transfer Students Entering Fall 2017 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 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 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	

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MCLA CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

TIER I	Course		Semester	
Critical reading, thinking, writing (CWA, 3 cr)	ENGL 150			
Quantitative reasoning (CMA, 3 cr)	MATH232 preferred			
Language Arts/Foreign Language ^{note 4} (CLA, 3 cr) (<i>competency at the 102 level</i>)				
TIER II	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)				
TIER III	Course		Semester	
Core Capstone (CAP, 3 cr) <i>Mass Transfer Block students are NOT exempt from this requirement</i>				

psychology faculty, is required prior to enrollment in the thesis course. See your advisor for further information.

UPPER-LEVEL (300-LEVEL OR ABOVE) Course Requirements	Credits	Complete?
Tier III Core Capstone	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)	41	

PHYSICAL ED. (2 cr)	Credits	Complete?
PHED		
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<i>MCLA athletes can apply for one physical education credit for each season a student participates in a varsity sport (maximum of two credits). Mass Transfer Block students are NOT exempt from this requirement.</i>		

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 (<i>300-500 level</i>)	
Final 15 credits of course work completed through MCLA	
Overall MCLA GPA at least 2.00	
Physical Education – 2 credits	
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>)	

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. Students may use only one *Directed Study* psychology course (PSYC391, PSYC470, PSYC496, PSYC500) to fulfill the upper level psychology elective requirement in the major. Additional *Directed Study* courses may be used as electives toward general graduation requirements.

^{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 or if they pass MCLA's placement test with a proficiency at the 102 level or higher