

WSU DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Advisement Handbook

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF
THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

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Is Psychological Science the Right Major for Me?

P psychological science is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. Because many fields rely on the understanding of human behavior, psychological science has widespread applications. If you enjoy working with people, are interested in human behavior, and have a scientific view of the world, then majoring in psychological science may be right for you.

The WSU Department of Psychological Science has dedicated faculty who are actively engaged in the discipline. Faculty members receive grants and awards, present their research at professional conferences, publish their research in academic journals, and practice psychological science in applied settings. Faculty members have some of the highest course evaluations at WSU and graduating majors report being *very satisfied* with their experience in the department.

Psychological science students are intellectually enriched by an exciting curriculum in which they receive excellent training in the science and practice of psychology. Small class sizes enable students to learn statistical, research, and interpersonal skills. Students also have the opportunity to engage in carefully supervised practicum courses and one-on-one research courses with faculty members. Graduating seniors have promising career trajectories and are well-prepared to succeed in graduate programs (e.g., masters or Ph.D. programs) or professional schools (e.g., law, pharmacy, medicine).

Through excellence in training in the science of psychology, our mission is to facilitate students' career aspirations and academic goals in the context of an undergraduate, Liberal Arts University, and a department which values teaching and research. The curriculum of the Psychological Science department is centered on meeting the following learning outcome goals for undergraduate students:

APA Learning Goals & Outcomes
APA Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology Major Version 3.0 (2023)

- 1 Content Knowledge and Applications**
1.1 Describe key concepts, principles, & theories in psychology 1.2 Develop a working knowledge of psychology's major subfields 1.3 Portray significant aspects of the history of psychology 1.4 Apply psychological content to solve practice problems 1.5 Provide examples of psychology's integrative themes.
- 2 Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking**
2.1 Exercise scientific reasoning to investigate psychological phenomena 2.2 Interpret, design, & evaluate basic research 2.3 Incorporate sociocultural factors in scientific research practices 2.4 Use statistics to evaluate quantitative research findings
- 3 Values in Psychological Science**
3.1 Employ ethical standards in research, practice, and academic contexts 3.2 Develop and practice interpersonal & intercultural responsiveness 3.3 Apply psychological principles to strengthen community and improve quality of life
- 4 Communication, Psychological Literacy, and Technology Skills**
4.1 Interact effectively with others 4.2 Write and present effectively for different purposes 4.3 Provide evidence of psychological literacy 4.4 Exhibit appropriate technological skills to improve communication
- 5 Personal and Professional Development**
5.1 Exhibit effective self-regulation 5.2 Refine project-management skills 5.3 Display effective judgment in professional interactions 5.4 Cultivate workforce collaboration skills

This handbook addresses students' most frequent questions about the Psychological Science program and should serve as an excellent reference for department requirements and resources.

Advising

How do I declare the major/minor?

It's easy to declare the Psychological Science major or minor via our [online form](#). Once your information is processed, your program of study will be updated in Cattracks, your official academic record. At that time, you may want to schedule your first advising appointment with the **Department Adviser**.

Who is my adviser and how do I schedule an appointment?

- The **Department Adviser**, Leigh Shaw, assists majors/teaching majors/minors with annual academic planning, handles all transfer articulation issues, and clears minors for graduation. Appointments are scheduled via Starfish (<https://www.weber.edu/psychology/advising.html>).
- The **Department Chair**, Shannon McGillivray, assists Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) students with academic planning and clears majors for graduation. Appointments are scheduled through the Department (801.626.6247, psychologydept@weber.edu).
- Department faculty provide graduate school and career advising for students interested in their specific areas of expertise (e.g., biopsychology, counseling). Appointments are scheduled directly.
- The **Social Science Advisers** (801.626.7809) advise majors on their general education requirements and basic University information. Appointments are scheduled via Starfish (<https://weber.edu/SocialScience/advising.html>)

When should I see my adviser?

You should meet with the Department Adviser *at least annually* to discuss your progress toward graduation and your academic and professional goals. This annual appointment satisfies your program declaration requirement in Cattracks. You should also regularly meet with the Social Sciences Advisers while working on your general education requirements.

How should I prepare for my advising appointment?

It is best to schedule an appointment with the Adviser after you have reviewed the course schedule for the next semester and the degree (e.g., general education, minor, major) requirements you need to complete. This preparation will enable you to better discuss your academic progress and ask relevant questions. The Adviser's job is to provide you with advice and guidance related to your progress toward graduation; do not expect the Adviser to tell you which classes you should take and what time of day to take them.

How long will my advising appointment last?

The typical meeting with the Adviser lasts about 20 minutes. If you have reason to believe that you will require more time, you should mention this to the Department Administrative Specialist when scheduling.

Do I need a minor?

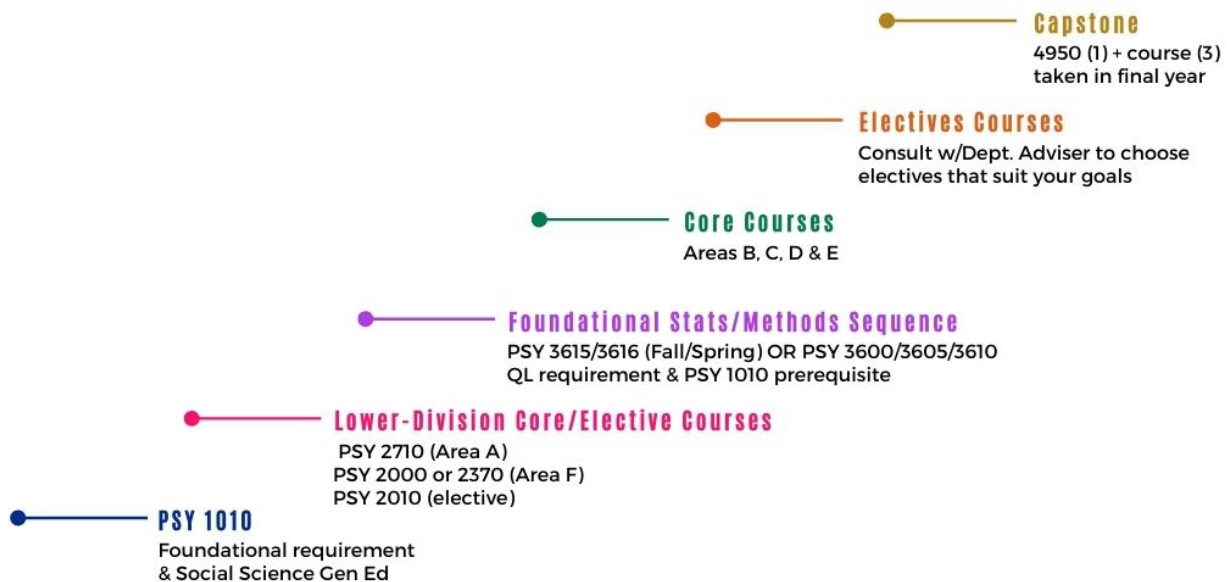
Yes: A minor is *required* for graduation (except with a double major). Students cannot major and minor in Psychological Science. A minor can: (1) complement your major, (2) make you more competitive in the job market/as a graduate school applicant, (3) give you a fuller understanding of some aspect of the human condition, (4) help foster your personal awareness, and (5) assist you in specializing your psychology training (e.g. a neuroscience minor may prepare you for training in biopsychology; a linguistics minor may prepare you for training in cognition; a family studies minor may prepare you for training in counseling). You should explore [minors](#) and direct your questions about minor requirements to the chair/adviser of the relevant program.

What classes should I take first?

- After PSY 1010 SS, complete your other general education requirements and explore a [minor](#). It is critical that you complete your Quantitative Literacy (QL) requirement (prerequisite for Statistics/Research Methods sequence) as early as possible. The College Advisers can assist you in choosing the most efficient pathway given your math placement.
- Begin your major coursework with some lower-division courses, like PSY 2710 (Area A), PSY 2000 or 2370 (Area E), and PSY 2010 or 2400 (elective). Be mindful of the requirement for at least 40 upper-division credits for the BS degree.
- Complete your **Foundational** courses with the required two-semester Statistics/Research Methods sequence (Option A or B).
- Complete **Core** Courses by the beginning of your senior year (when graduate school applications are due) because many are prerequisites for capstone or specialized elective courses.
- **Capstone** courses are taken in your senior year (PSY 4950 in your final semester) because they provide you with the opportunity to integrate, apply, and reflect on many aspects of the major and to demonstrate comprehensive learning and psychological literacy.

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SUGGESTED MAJOR COURSE SEQUENCE



- Meet annually with Department Adviser to determine **your** optimal course sequence
- A minor is required

Psychological Science Associate of Science Requirements (catalog 2024-2025)

Follow the requirements for your declared catalog year (see Cattracks). Refer to the current catalog for all course prerequisites, registration restrictions, grade requirements (i.e., individual courses for the major/minor must be passed with a C or higher; 2.5 Psychology GPA for courses being used for graduation), the course sunset policy, and the program residency policy.

General Education: Refer to Degree Requirements for Associate's Degrees.

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (12 CREDITS)

PSY 1010 SS	Introductory Psychology	3
PSY 2000 SS EDI	The Psychology of Human Relationship	3
PSY 2010	Science and Profession of Psychology	3
PSY 2710	Biopsychology	3
TOTAL		12

ELECTIVE COURSES (3 CREDITS)

PSY 1540	Designing your Life	3
PSY 2020	Mental Health Awareness	3
PSY 2040	Child, Family & Adult Advocacy	3
PSY 2250	Learning and Memory	3
PSY 2370	Psychology of Women and Gender	3
PSY 2400	Positive Psychology	3
PSY 2800*	Projects and Research INT CRE	1-3
PSY 2830*	Directed Readings CRE	1-3
PSY 2860*	Practicum	1-3
PSY 2890*	Cooperative Work Experience INT	1-2
TOTAL		3

* These courses require a signed contract with the supervising faculty member outlining work expectations.

Behavioral Health Technician Certificate of Proficiency Requirements (catalog 2024-2025)

This certificate program offers specialized training to students who seek the knowledge and skills required to assist licensed mental health professionals as behavioral health technicians in treating and supporting patients. The certificate is offered through an interdisciplinary collaboration between the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS) and the Dumke College of Health Professions (DCHP). The 24-credit program is open to all students and has no special admissions prerequisites.

Semester 1 <i>(12 credits)</i>	SW 1010 SS CEL Introduction to Generalist Social Work (3) PSY 2000 SS/EDI Psychology of Human Relationships (3) PSY 2010 Science and Profession of Psychology (3) HAS 3000 The Healthcare System (3)
Semester 2 <i>(12 credits)</i>	PSY 2040 Child, Family, and Adult Advocacy (3) PUBH 2050 Case Management in Behavioral Health (3) NRSG 3440 Coping in Your Profession (3) HAS 4400 Legal and Ethical Aspects of Health Administration (3)

Psychological Science Bachelor of Science Requirements (catalog 2024-2025)

Follow the requirements for your declared catalog year (see Cattracks). Refer to the current catalog for all course prerequisites, registration restrictions, grade requirements (i.e., individual courses for the major/minor must be passed with a C or higher; 2.5 Psychology GPA for courses being used for graduation), the course sunset policy, and the program residency policy.

Psychological Science Major & Teaching Major Requirements (45 credit hours)

Teaching Majors must meet the Teacher Education admission and licensure requirements (see Teacher Ed. Dept.) and are required to take PSY 4000 (preferred) or 4090.

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (11 CREDITS)

PSY 1010 SS	Introductory Psychology (3)		
You have two options to complete the required Statistics and Research Methods course sequence. You must complete one option OR the other; you cannot complete the sequence by a combination of courses in each option.			
OPTION A (8)		OR	OPTION B (8)
PSY 3615, Psychological Statistics & Methods I (4) †			PSY 3600, Statistics in Psychology (3)*
PSY 3616, Psychological Statistics & Methods II (4) †			PSY 3605, Psychology Statistics Lab (1)**
			PSY 3610, Research Methods in Psychology (4)***

† OPTION A is a two-semester sequence (3615 in Fall, 3616 in Spring) that must be completed in the same year with the same instructor to complete the requirement. Sequence is recommended for the junior year; MATH 1010 or QL is a prerequisite.

* MATH 1010 or QL and PSY 1010 are prerequisites.

**PSY 3605 is a prerequisite or co-requisite for PSY 3610. This pre-/co-requisite applies to ALL catalog years.

***PSY 3600 (or an equivalent with prior approval from the Department Chair) is a prerequisite.

CORE COURSES (18 CREDITS): Required to take 1 course from Areas A-F

AREA A	†PSY 2710	Biopsychology	3
AREA B	†PSY 3000	Child Psychology *	3
	†PSY 3140	Adolescent Psychology *	
AREA C	PSY 3010	Psychopathology *	3
AREA D	†PSY 2250	Learning and Memory *	3
	†PSY 3255	Conditioning, Learning, and Behavior Modification *	
	†PSY 3500	Cognition *	
AREA E	†PSY 3430	Theories of Personality *	3
	†PSY 3460	Social Psychology *	
AREA F	†PSY 2000 SS	The Psychology of Human Relationships	3
	†PSY 2370	Psychology of Women and Gender *	
	†PSY 3100	Psychology of Diversity *	
TOTAL			18

†Additional courses in each area may be taken as an elective

* PSY 1010 is a prerequisite.

CAPSTONE COURSES (4 CREDITS)

PSY 4950 Capstone Experience: Promoting Psychological Literacy (1) (<i>take in your FINAL semester</i>) AND ONE (1) Capstone Course (3) Prerequisite: 24 PSY credits (including PSY 3610 or 3616) and department override to register Typically taught in FALL Semester		Typically Taught in SPRING Semester	
PSY 4050 Evolutionary Psychology	PSY 4000 Advanced General (required of teaching majors)		
PSY 4090 History and Systems of Psychology	PSY 4100 Psychology in the Media		
PSY 4140 Theories of Development	PSY 4200 Environmental Psychology		
PSY 4310 Intro to Counseling Theories			
PSY 4910 Senior Thesis (6, 3 credits 1 st term to defend proposal; 3 credits 2 nd term to defend project; requires signed faculty contract)			

ELECTIVE COURSES (12 CREDITS)

(Select 12 credits of any PSY course not already taken in the major
in consultation with the Department Adviser. see catalog for course prerequisites)

PSY 1540	Designing your Life	3
PSY 2010	Science & Profession of Psychology	3
PSY 2020	Mental Health Awareness	3
PSY 2040	Child, Family, & Adult Advocacy	3
PSY 2400	Positive Psychology	3
PSY 2800*	Projects and Research	1-3
PSY 2830*	Directed Readings	1-3
PSY 2860*	Practicum	1-3
PSY 2890*	Cooperative Work Experience	1-2
PSY 3020	Child & Adolescent Psychopathology	3
PSY 3030	Health Psychology	3
PSY 3240	The Psychology of Drug Use and Abuse	3
PSY 3270	Motivation and Emotion	3
PSY 3450	Psychology of Language	3
PSY 3730	Perception	3
PSY 3740	Neuropsychopharmacology	3
PSY 3850	Forensic Psychology	3
PSY 4510	Industrial & Organizational Behavior	3
PSY 4575	Psychology of Criminal Behavior	3
PSY 4800*	Projects and Research	1-3
PSY 4830*	Directed Readings	1-3
PSY 4860*	Practicum	1-3
PSY 4890*	Cooperative Work Experience	1-2
PSY 4900	Selected Topics in Psychology	2-3
PSY 4920	Workshops, Institutes and Special Programs	1-3
PSY 4990	Seminar	1

* These courses require a signed contract with the supervising faculty member outlining work expectations.

Psychological Science Minor (18 credits)

Foundational Course <i>(3 credits)</i>	PSY 1010 SS Introductory Psychology
Elective Courses <i>(15 credits)</i>	Select electives in consultation with the Department Adviser.

Psychological Science Emphasis Bachelor of Integrated Studies (BIS) **(20 credits)**

Foundational Courses <i>(11 credits)</i>	PSY 1010 SS Introductory Psychology (3) OPTION A OR B to complete Statistics & Research Methods Sequence (8)
Elective Courses <i>(9 credits)</i>	Electives must receive approval from the Department Chair (see p. 11).

Extending your Learning beyond the Classroom

During your sophomore and junior years, you should get involved in activities that will supplement your psychological science coursework. Check with the Department Adviser and/or faculty members about opportunities such as research, directed readings, practicum, and involvement in Psi Chi and Psychology Club. These activities are fun, stimulating, and critical to make you competitive for jobs and/or graduate school. Everyone with whom you will be competing for a job or a place in a graduate program will have completed college with good grades. *What will make you stand out from the crowd?* Involvement in learning activities outside of the classroom is an excellent way to show your commitment and competence in the field of psychology. Supervised research and directed readings are excellent means for you to personalize your course of study through intensive exploration of a topic of your choice. Practicum is an excellent opportunity for you to apply what you have learned in the classroom in a psycho-educational context and to determine if a career in applied psychology is for you.

What are the benefits?

Students who participate in these activities often report they were a highlight of their college experience. Students seeking admission to graduate school can expect admissions committees to value the ambition and intellectual curiosity demonstrated by supervised research, reading, or practicum experiences. These experiences allow students to have more extensive and personalized attention than can be obtained in the classroom. Because a letter of recommendation is strongest when a faculty member can report knowing the student quite well, this more extensive contact with a professor can result in a particularly strong letter of recommendation.

Projects and Research

What is Projects and Research (PSY 2800/4800/4910)?

This course is for students who want to get research experience. The research question may be your own idea or one being explored in a faculty member's ongoing research in which you get involved.

How do I enroll?

You must find a faculty member willing to serve as your research mentor. If the research idea is your own (e.g., an extension of a research methods project or other coursework), you should find a faculty member with interest and/or expertise in the area. Otherwise, you should investigate the current research ongoing in the department (see faculty websites and/or the research board in the Department) and seek to get involved in a faculty member's research lab. Your faculty mentor will then discuss with you the research course in which you should enroll. PSY 2800 is for students with no research experience and who have not yet taken Research Methods. PSY 4800 is for students who are interested in research and who have taken Research Methods. PSY 4910 (6 credits taken over two consecutive semesters) is for students who would like to complete a senior thesis. Your faculty mentor will discuss with you the credit hours and the work expectations of the course. Upon agreement, you will complete a form that will serve as a course contract between you and the faculty mentor. This form should be given to the Department Administrative Specialist, who will advise you on how to register for the course.

Directed Readings

What is Directed Readings (PSY 2830/4830)?

This course is for students who want to investigate a topic of particular interest. The topic will be one that you and a faculty member agree upon and may involve exploring in more depth a theory/concept covered in a course or exploring a theory/concept not covered by a regularly scheduled course.

How do I enroll?

First, you must find a department faculty member who is willing to serve as your readings mentor. You should find a faculty member with interest and/or expertise in the area who is comfortable supervising your projects. Your faculty mentor will then discuss with you the reading course in which you should enroll. PSY 2830 (1-3 credits) is intended for students who have not yet taken Research Methods; PSY 4830 (1-3 credits) are intended for students who have taken Research Methods. Your faculty mentor will discuss with you the credit hours and the work expectations of the course. Upon agreement, you will complete a form that will serve as a course contract between you and the faculty mentor. This form should be given to the Department Administrative Specialist, who will advise you on how to register for the course.

Practicum

What is Practicum (PSY 2860/4860)?

This course is for students who want to be placed in the college classroom as a TA or in state/community agencies for the purpose of getting supervised practice in application of psychological skills and knowledge. Practicum sites have included Youth Impact, Ogden Pride/Youth OUtreach, Treehouse Museum, United Way, and teaching assistant in WSU Introductory Psychology classes.

How do I enroll?

In order to enroll, you must have completed 18 Psychological Science credits (3 from PSY 1010) and have a PSY GPA of at least 3.0. Specific sites may have additional requirements. Application deadlines are early April for Fall placements and early November for Spring placements. The Practicum committee/supervisors will review completed applications and interview finalists. Your Practicum supervisor will discuss with you the credit hours and work expectations of the course. Upon agreement, you will complete a form that will serve as a course contract between you and the faculty supervisor. This form should be given to the Department Administrative Specialist, who will advise you on how to register for the course.

Departmental Honors in Psychological Science

What is Departmental Honors in Psychological Science?

To earn Departmental Honors, a student must: 1) maintain a PSY GPA of 3.7 and an overall GPA of 3.5, 2) successfully complete one of the four High Impact Education Experience (HIEE) pathways: Thesis (*6 credit hours of PSY 4910*), Research (*6 credit hours of PSY 4800*), Individualized Instruction (*6 credit hours of PSY 4830, 4800, 4860 in any combination*), or Service (*6 credit hours PSY CEL courses with a grade of at least A-*), and 3) present a summary of and reflection on their HIEE pathway experience at the Department Graduation Celebration (December/April). This presentation requirement may be met by a presentation (oral/poster) at a professional meeting (e.g., Undergraduate Research Symposium, UCUR, RMPA). Students are recognized with special designations on their transcript and diploma and invitations to all Honors events.

How do I enroll?

Students must apply to Departmental Honors at least two semesters before graduating (see <https://portalapps.weber.edu/honors/>). The Department Adviser reviews applications and meets with applicants to ensure they understand the requirements and to finalize applications. For more information see <http://weber.edu/honors>.

Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology

Psi Chi is the International Honor Society in Psychology. Our chapter gives you the opportunity to join the honor society if you meet the standards required by Psi Chi and the Association of College Honor Societies. Our chapter requires that applicants have completed at least 9 Psychological Science credit hours and earned a 3.0 overall and Psychology GPA.

Membership in Psi Chi is an earned honor for life. A permanent record of your membership is preserved at the Psi Chi National Office and may be used for reference purposes (e.g., applications for graduate school and jobs). One-time \$60 dues (\$45 National dues, \$15 Chapter dues) are for lifetime membership, a certificate suitable for framing, and other benefits. There are no annual dues.

When you are inducted into Psi Chi, you become eligible to wear Psi Chi regalia at graduation and to receive copies of Psi Chi's magazine, "*Eye on Psi Chi*". Psi Chi members are eligible to present research papers/posters at Psi Chi programs held at national and regional conventions, and members may participate in Psi Chi's undergraduate and graduate research award and grant programs. Undergraduate members may submit their research for publication in the Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research. For more information on Psi Chi and its benefits, visit www.psichi.org.

To join, submit a completed [membership application](#) and National and Chapter registration cards to the Psi Chi faculty adviser, who will then determine your membership eligibility.

Psi Cho, the WSU Psychological Science Club

You should consider joining Psi Cho, the Weber State University Psychological Science Club, if you love psychology and want to get involved in academic and social events related to the field but currently do not meet the chapter standards for membership in Psi Chi. Membership in Psi Cho will give you the opportunity to get involved in the department and on campus and to interact with your peers and faculty in Psychological Science. Please submit a completed Psi Cho [membership application](#) with your one-time \$15 chapter dues to the Psychological Science Club faculty adviser.

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS)

How do I declare a (BIS) in Psychological Science?

Review the information on the Application process (<https://weber.edu/BIS/application.html>). Choose 3 areas of emphasis, one of which is Psychological Science. Download the BIS Application and Contract forms and bring them to your meetings with each Department Chair to discuss your required and elective courses (see pg. 6). Call the Department Office (801.626.6247) to schedule your appointment with the Psychological Science Chair. PSY 1010 will NOT count toward the 20 credits for the emphasis if you count it toward your General Education requirements.

Transfer Students

Which classes will transfer to WSU?

Weber State University accepts transfer credit from regionally accredited colleges and universities, and awards credit for competencies gained outside the university as measured by way of standard examination such as the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and the Advanced Placement program (AP), the International Baccalaureate (IB), by special examination administered by individual departments, and by petition. The Transfer Office can help you transfer to WSU the credits for courses taken elsewhere that may count towards your degree. For information on the transfer process at WSU, see weber.edu/Admissions/Transfer_Guide.html. The Department Adviser, guided by the WSU Transfer Office and Utah State Board of Regents Policy, reviews the equivalency of transfer courses for your Psychological Science major or minor. The Department accepts course credits from psychology classes (no other departments) taken at regionally accredited universities (see <http://www.chea.org/degree-accreditation-mills>). Information about a school's accreditation can be found at <https://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>.

Why didn't my psychology courses transfer in the way I expected?

Your transcript is evaluated by the Transfer Office as part of the admissions process at WSU. If a Psychology course(s) did not transfer in the way you expected, you can request (by email) that it be reevaluated by the Department Adviser. If the university where you took your Psychology course(s) was acceptable, the Adviser will determine how the credits will count towards your Psychological Science major or minor. In order for the Adviser to review and determine the equivalency of a transfer course to a course in the WSU Psychological Science curriculum, you must provide a course syllabus or other similar support documentation beyond the course description.

Residency and Sunset Policies

The Department of Psychological Science has a Residency Policy for students transferring undergraduate psychology credits from another accredited institution of higher education. Students who are majoring in Psychological Science must complete at least 9 credits of Psychology with a "C" or better in residence at WSU; students who are minoring in Psychological Science must complete at least 6 credits of Psychology with a C or better in residence at WSU. All transfer requests must go through the University Transfer Office.

The Department has a Sunset Policy wherein students declaring a Psychological Science major, minor, or BIS emphasis in a given catalog year can apply previously completed courses towards their degree as long as the courses were taken no longer than 15 years prior to the date of declaration and with a "C" or better.

Registration Assistance

Why am I getting an error when I try to register for this course?

The Department has many courses (e.g., stats/methods sequence, capstone courses) with pre-requisites or co-requisites and/or that require department approval to register. If you have met the course pre- or co-requisite (see Catalog), contact the Department Administrative Specialist for permission to register (aliciaguthrie1@weber.edu; 801.626.6247) and an override that will allow you to register for the course within your eWeber portal. Instructions and quick tutorials for the registration process can be found at http://www.weber.edu/Registration/Learn_More.html.

Scholarships and Awards

What scholarships are available to psychological science students?

Students apply annually (January deadline for the following academic year) for general scholarships by updating their Scholarship Application in the eWeber portal. The Department receives scholarship monies proportional to the number of students who apply. In allocating scholarship monies, the Department prioritizes students based on GPA and the completion of Core General courses (year in school is not relevant). The Dean's Scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding Psychological Science student with a strong GPA who, at a minimum, has completed Core General credits.

What awards are available to psychological science students?

The *Outstanding Graduating Senior Award* is granted to a major graduating that academic year in recognition of overall excellence in coursework, research, and contributions to the department (sponsored by Dr. Rick Miller, WSU Distinguished Alumnus). The *Outstanding Service Award* is granted to a major in recognition of excellence in service contributions to the department, for example in the context of Psi Chi/Psi Cho. The *Eric Amsel Psychology Award* is granted to an upcoming senior major who has shown exemplary leadership, service to the department by participating in departmental groups, and mentoring.

What other financial assistance is available?

Each academic year, the Department hires advanced undergraduates to serve as tutors and the lab manager. Applications are advertised through the Department website.

Graduation

How and when do I apply for graduation?

You must be cleared for graduation for your major and minor and general education requirements. Consult the Graduation office (<https://www.weber.edu/graduation/>) for information about application fees and deadlines. **The semester before you plan to graduate**, Psychological Science majors and minors should seek [graduation clearance](#). Contacting the Department Administrative Specialist early to schedule your appointment leaves time to satisfy any remaining requirements. Majors meet with the Department Chair for a Graduation Evaluation (~15 minutes) after they have completed the Graduation Survey. Minors meet with the Department Adviser for clearance (this can be handled through email with the student's W#).

What's next?

Psychological Science majors have cognitive, communication, personal, social, and technological skills that employers value ([Skillful Psychology Student](#)). Psychology is well suited to careers that involve "helping people" and our students often find employment in hospitals, group/nursing homes, correctional or juvenile detention facilities, preschools, shelters, and human services. Students should broaden their view of what it means "to help people." Psychological Science provides strong preparation for careers in sales/service, human resources, management, student affairs/services, and in research jobs in finance & marketing (<https://www.weber.edu/careerservices>; <http://scoutiescareersinpsychology.org/>).

Many Psychological Science majors go on to medical, pharmacy, and law schools, as well as graduate programs in various fields of Psychology. Graduate education takes a lot of time, energy, and money, and it requires initiative, aptitude, and commitment. Graduate education is not a matter of desire: you must be an attractive applicant and that requires planning and building a set of experiences that display your talents. Successful applicants have strong grades and test scores (e.g., GRE), research experience (e.g., conducting

a project, presenting at a conference), professional experience (e.g., practicum, tutoring, Psi Chi), and personal statements and letters of recommendation from faculty. Successful applicants build their vita early and work with the Adviser and faculty to clarify and reach their goals.

Department Listing

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Timothy Black	Biopsychology/Neuroscience	LH 391	626.6247	timothyblack2@weber.edu
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