**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY**

Fact Sheet

A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY (B.S.) PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE FLEXIBILITY

TO PURSUE A BROAD RANGE OF CAREERS. IT ALSO SERVES AS THE FIRST LEVEL OF EDUCATION IN THE

PURSUIT OF A MORE SPECIALIZED FIELD.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The psychology program at WCU features:

* Individual mentoring opportunities with faculty who maintain expertise in multiple areas (e.g., clinical psychology, school psychology, forensic psychology, evolutionary psychology, & developmental psychology), and teach a wide variety of exciting and engaging courses.
* Exploration into real world issues that match your interests through research, service learning, and internships.
* Coursework that builds useful, transferrable skills such as critical thinking, quantitative analysis, leadership, and communication.
* The opportunity to join a community of students who are passionate about their program and the field of psychology.
* Experiences in state-of-the-art laboratories with knowledgeable faculty who are focused on your success.

FAST FACTS

* Psychology is one of the largest undergraduate programs on WCU’s campus.
* To complete the program, psychology majors must also complete a second major, a minor, or another approved program.
* To complete 120 hours, students may need to take additional General Electives (number depends on how many Liberal Studies courses also count toward the major).
* To satisfy general university degree requirements, students must take at least 30 hours at the junior-senior level at WCU.
* Foreign Language Required: No
* Program Webpage: **Psychology.wcu.edu**

COURSEWORK

Our academic coursework allows you to explore:

* Clinical Psychology
* Positive Psychology
* Research Design and Data Analysis
* Social Psychology
* Neuropsychology
* Organizational and Industrial Psychology
* Developmental Psychology
* Cognitive Psychology
* Psychological Testing
* Forensic Psychology

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Four Year Graduation Plan

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| **FRESHMAN YEAR** |  |
| **Fall Semester (15 hours)** | **Spring Semester (15 hours)** |
| Liberal Studies: P1 Social Sciences – PSY 150 (3) | PSY 250: Careers & Issues in Psychology (3) |
| Liberal Studies: C1 Writing - ENGL 101 (3) | Liberal Studies: First Year Seminar (3) |
| Liberal Studies: C4 Wellness (3) | Liberal Studies: C3 COMM 201 (3) |
| Liberal Studies: C5 Science (3) – BIOL 104 | Liberal Studies: C5 Science (3) |
| Liberal Studies: P3 History (3) | Liberal Studies: P1 Social Sciences (3) |
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| **SOPHOMORE YEAR** |  |
| **Fall Semester (15 hours)** | **Spring Semester (15 hours)** |
| PSY 271: Research Design & Data Analysis I (3) | PSY 272: Research Design and Data Analysis II (3) |
| PSY Course (Group 1): Developmental Processes | PSY Course (Group 2): Personality & Social Psy. (3) |
| Liberal Studies: C1 Writing – ENGL 202  Liberal Studies: P4 Humanities (3) | Liberal Studies: P5 Fine Arts (3)  Minor Course (3) |
| Minor Course (3) | Minor Course (3) |
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| **JUNIOR YEAR** |  |
| **Fall Semester (15 hours)** | **Spring Semester (15 hours)** |
| PSY Course (Group 4): Learning and Cognition (3) | PSY Course (Group 3): Biological Basis of Behavior (3) |
| PSY Course (Group 5): Applications in Psychology (3) | PSY Elective (3) |
| Minor Course (3) | Minor Course (3) |
| Minor Course (3) | Minor Course (3) |
| General Elective (3) | General Elective (3) |
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| **SENIOR YEAR** |  |
| **Fall Semester (15 hours)** | **Spring Semester (15 hours)** |
| PSY 455: History of Psychology (3) | PSY 495: Senior Seminar |
| PSY Elective (3) | General Elective (3) |
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