

## Summary Sheet for Psychology majors

This guide helps students understand graduation requirements. **It is not a binding document or contract.** The College Core requirements for double majors differ from the requirements described in this guide (see the [College Core website](#) for details). Transfer students who have an associate's degree are exempt from College Core requirements (with the exception of IDS 102.) Transfer students who have completed at least 32 credits (8 course units) are exempt from the first-year seminar (FYS) and the first-year community engagement (FYC) requirement.

### Psychology Major Requirements

Major Core	Semester/Yr
1. PSY 101 General Psychology	
2. PSY 121 Methods & Tools	
3. PSY 203 Design & Statistical Analysis	
4. PSY 299 Research Seminar	

*We recommend that these be completed consecutively in the first four semesters.*

### Foundation Courses (200-level courses):

5. PSY 2**	
6. PSY 2**	
7. PSY 2**	

*ECE 201, ELE 201, SPE 203 or NUR 110 can count as PSY 220. However, a student cannot count BOTH PSY 220 and the equivalent (ECE 201, ELE 201, SPE 203 or NUR 110) toward the psychology major/minor.*

### Specialized Courses (300 or 400-level courses):

8. PSY 3**	
9. PSY 3**	
10. PSY 3**	

*Of the 3 specialized courses, only 1 may be ELOPsy; ELOPsy courses may also be the PSY Elective Requirement and the Senior Experience. Only 3 ELOPsy courses (PSY 390, 492, 394, 494, 397, 399, 487 (formerly 499,) 391, 393, and 493) may count towards the major.*

### Senior Experience (400-level course):

11. PSY 4**	
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### Psychology Option (200-level or above):

12. PSY ***	
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**Social Context:** Students are required to take at least one of the courses listed [here](#) among their chosen Foundation or Specialized courses.

### Major Advising Course (no credit):

- ☐ PSY 096 – first semester (except internal transfers)
- ☐ PSY 097 – sophomore year (fall or spring)
- ☐ PSY 098 – junior year (fall or spring)
- ☐ PSY 099 – senior year (fall or spring)

### Specialization (optional – see website for more details):

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*Students must complete and submit a form to declare a specialization.*

### Optional Transformative Learning Experiences:

- ☐ [Collaborative Research \(e.g., PSY 390/492\)](#)
- ☐ [Internship or Field Study \(PSY 398/399/487\)](#)
- ☐ [Study Abroad](#)

### General Graduation Requirements:

- ☐ Cumulative GPA of 2.0
  - ☐ Grade of C- or better is required in all major courses.
  - ☐ A minimum of 7 Psychology courses must be completed at TCNJ
- Completed 32 total course units (128 credits)

### Liberal Learning Requirements

Civic Responsibilities & Proficiencies	Course/Semester
<input type="checkbox"/> IDS 102 - tutorial <a href="http://www.tcnj.edu/~liblinks/">http://www.tcnj.edu/~liblinks/</a>	
1. FYW 102 <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt	FYW 102 / ----
2. FYS	FYS *** / ----
3. Mid-level Writing Intensive	PSY 299 / ----
4. Writing Intensive Senior Capstone	PSY 4xx / ----

**Note:** Some courses meet multiple Civic Responsibility requirements. See the liberal learning webpage for details.

1. Community Engaged Learning	FYC 100 / ----
2. Gender	---- / ----
3. Global Perspectives	---- / ----
4. Race & Ethnicity	---- / ----

### Second Language Proficiency

1. 101	---- / ----
2. 102	---- / ----
3. 103	---- / ----

Courses must be in the same language. 151/152 intensive language sequences in Chinese or Japanese also fulfill the second language proficiency requirement.

### Broad Sector 1: Arts & Humanities

1. Literary, Visual, or Performing Arts	
2. Belief Systems	

### Broad Sector 2: Social Science & History

3. Behavioral, Social or Cultural Perspectives	PSY 101 (or any PSY course)
4. Behavioral, Social or Cultural Perspectives Perspective	PSY 121 (or any PSY course)
5. Social Change in Historical Perspectives	

### Broad Sector 3: Natural Science and Quantitative Reasoning

6. Quantitative Reasoning	PSY 203
7. Natural Sciences (w/ lab)	

### Broad Sector Option

8. Choose 1 from Multidisciplinary Perspectives Group 1 or 3	
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### Free Electives

As many courses to fulfill the 32 course unit (128 credit) graduation requirement. Second major and minor classes will fall into this category.


<b>Advising Websites</b>	Psychology Department: <a href="http://psychology.pages.tcnj.edu">psychology.pages.tcnj.edu</a> Liberal Learning / College Core: <a href="https://collegecore.tcnj.edu/">https://collegecore.tcnj.edu/</a>
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## Psychology Major Curriculum

### Methods Sequence (4)

Courses to be taken in order:

- **PSY 101** – General Psychology
- **PSY 121** – Methods and Tools of Psychology
- **PSY 203** – Design and Statistical Analysis
- **PSY 299** – Research Seminar- Students planning to declare a specialization should consider taking the Research Seminar in the specialization area

### A. Foundation Courses (3)

Students will choose 3 of the following. Usually, foundation courses should be taken in the first two years.

- **PSY 212** – Biopsychology
- **PSY 213** – Learning and Memory
- **PSY 214** – Cognitive Psychology
- **PSY 215** – Social Psychology
- **PSY 217** – Psychological Disorders (formerly Abnormal Psychology)
- **PSY 219** – Clinical Psychology
- **PSY 220** – Development across the Lifespan
- **PSY 267** – Organizational Psychology

### B. Specialized Courses (3)

Students will choose three 300-level courses. Students may take seminar courses with topics (PSY 370-376) more than once as topics change. A 300-level ELOPsy course (390, 393, 394, 397, 399) may count for one specialized course as well. *Some specializations require specific Specialized courses.*

Offerings vary semester to semester. Recent offerings:

- **PSY 311** – Sensation and Perception
- **PSY 316** – Applied Behavioral Analysis
- **PSY 320** – Origins of Social Cognition
- **PSY 321** – Children's Social & Personality Development
- **PSY 322** – Children and the Media
- **PSY 323** – School Psychology
- **PSY/AAS 324** – Racial & Ethnic Identity Development
- **PSY 331** – Clinical Psychology
- **PSY 332** – Psychology of Self and Identity Development
- **PSY 333** – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- **PSY 334** – The Psychology of Mindfulness and Meditation
- **PSY 335** – Developmental Psychopathology
- **PSY 336** – Sexual & Gender Minority Mental Health
- **PSY 337** – Poverty, Mental Health, & Well-being
- **PSY 338** – Sport Psychology
- **PSY 339** – Personality Disorders
- **PSY 340** – Health Psychology
- **PSY 342** – Clinical Psychopharmacology
- **PSY 343** – Behavioral Pharmacology of Drug Abuse
- **PSY 346** – Cognitive Neuroscience
- **PSY 348** – Emotion
- **PSY 350** – Psychology of Women
- **PSY 351** – Gender Gap in Science
- **PSY 355** – Psychology of Power Oppression and Privilege
- **PSY 360** – Psychology of Leadership

- **PSY 361** – Seminar in Interviewing
- **PSY 362** – Judgment and Decision Making
- **PSY 363** – Psychology of Ethics
- **PSY 364** – Industrial Psychology
- **PSY 365** – Consumer Psychology (taught by Business Department)
- **PSY 366** – Personnel Selection and Placement
- **PSY 370** – Developmental Seminar – recent topics: Children and the Media, Racial Attitudes, Origins of Social Cognition
- **PSY 371** – Cognitive Seminar – recent topics: Memory Across the Lifespan, Neuroscience of Memory
- **PSY 373** – Counseling and Clinical Seminar – recent topics: Forensic Psychology, Cognitive Behavior Therapy, PTSD
- **PSY 374** – Industrial/Organizational Seminar – recent topics: Ethics, Training
- **PSY 375** – Social Psychology Seminar – recent topics: Political Psychology, Diversity
- **PSY 376** – Seminar in Psychology – recent topics: School Psychology, Behavioral Economics
- **PSY 385** – Seminar in Applied Psychology
- **PSY 386** – Psychological Testing
- **PSY 398** – Counseling Clinical Field Exp Seminar

### C. Senior Experience (1)

Students will choose among options including seminars (**PSY 419** or **PSY 470**), research (**PSY 492** or **PSY 493**), field study (**PSY 487**), and thesis (**PSY 494**). Regardless of format, the senior experience will be primarily student-led, with the faculty member serving as a facilitator. Students will write a 20–25-page paper with multiple drafts receiving feedback.

### D. Psychology Elective Requirement (1)

Students may take any course at the 200-level or above. We urge students to take a 300-level or above course for their Psychology Elective Requirement. A 300-level ELOPsy course (390, 393, 394, 397, 399) may count for one specialized course as well.

### E. Mandatory Advising Sequence

Students are required to complete a non-credit advising sequence. Required courses depend on students' entry term. [Check the advising sequence guide on the website for more information](#)