Department of Psychology

Undergraduate Programs 2016-2017

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Dear Student,

As the Chair of the Department of Psychology, I am happy to provide you with this packet of information about our undergraduate psychology programs here at Middle Tennessee State University. I also want to extend a personal invitation for you to contact me with any questions you might have about our department and its academic offerings. The enclosed information presents you with specific information about the majors and minors that are available in psychology, as well as suggested plans for meeting all of your degree requirements. I’m also providing a link to our website (http://www.mtsu.edu/psychology/) – and I believe that you will find this site especially useful as you continue to think about your academic future and the opportunities that psychology at MTSU has to offer. I encourage you to examine the faculty, their academic specializations, and research interests. You will receive instruction from highly trained scholars, many of whom have achieved national recognition within their respective field of study. The Department of Psychology at MTSU boasts a variety of academic courses and programs that rival the offerings of some of the best universities in the country. I want you to know that your experience in the Department of Psychology will be as rich and rewarding as you want it to be – faculty routinely involve students in their research, and there are many opportunities for you to work under the supervision of faculty as you perform your own individual readings and research or participate in experiences in applied settings. The Psychology Club and Psi Chi (the national honorary in psychology) also offer students social and leadership opportunities, as well as a variety of enriching experiences outside the classroom. I am more than happy to visit with you should you have any additional questions or concerns about our undergraduate psychology program.

Cordially,

Greg Schmidt, Ph.D.
Department Chair
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This handbook contains important information for students interested in psychology as a major or minor. You will find information about courses which should be taken to meet career goals in psychology, as well as information about careers in psychology. Please read this program description very carefully. It is your responsibility to be aware of the procedures, requirements, and options of the MTSU undergraduate psychology program for the catalog year you are using.
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I. Goals of the Psychology Program
The undergraduate psychology program at MTSU is designed to serve students who have varied career goals. Thus, the curriculum is arranged with several purposes in mind:

a. to provide, as part of a liberal education, some familiarity with the principles, methods, findings, and theories of psychology and to offer valuable background for students preparing to work in a variety of professions and jobs, such as medicine, law, business, teaching, engineering, mass communications, political science, criminal justice, etc.;
b. to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for advanced study in psychology at the graduate level;
c. to provide academic work and technical skills that will prepare students to pursue careers in such facilities as mental hospitals, mental health agencies, schools, community agencies, psychological research laboratories, businesses, industries, etc.

Curriculum is designed to meet the APA Guidelines for the Undergraduate Major: Version 2.0 adopted August 2013. These goals include:
1) Knowledge base in psychology;
2) Scientific inquiry and critical thinking;
3) Ethical and social responsibility in a diverse world;
4) Communication;
5) Professional development

II. Advising
Beginning Fall 2014: New students to the major (incoming freshmen, transfer students, change of major students) will be assigned to one of three department advisors based on the student’s last name (check Pipeline). Students must apply and be admitted to candidacy to earn a degree from the Psychology Department. Department advisors will advise pre-candidacy students in their first 30 hours or until they have completed candidacy. After admission to candidacy, students will also be assigned a faculty advisor based on their area of interest (as specified on the candidacy form), career goals, or major. All students will continue to have a department advisor. Visit http://mtsu.edu/cbhsadv/index.php to make an appointment with a department advisor. Advising is strongly recommended every semester to ensure that paperwork such as the upper division form and intent to graduate form are submitted on time.

III. Declaring a Major in Psychology
Beginning Fall 2014, students may change their major to Psychology or Industrial/Organizational Psychology using the online change of major program. All new students to psychology, however, will be required to apply for candidacy before being fully accepted as a psychology major, and they will have advising holds on their accounts for registration every semester until they have achieved candidacy.

Student who are interested in the PreGraduate Concentration in Psychology must apply to be accepted for this concentration. Applications can be obtained from the PreGraduate Concentration advisor after (a) candidacy has been achieved, (b) 45 hours of coursework has been completed, and (c) G.P.A. requirements for the program have been met. Transfer students may only apply for this program once they have completed at least one semester at MTSU, even if candidacy has been approved. Students may not use the online change of major program to change to the PreGraduate Concentration or otherwise self-select this program.

IV. Candidacy Requirements for Psychology Majors
Beginning with the 2014-2015 Academic Year, all new students, including new transfer students, are required to apply and be admitted to candidacy to earn a degree from the Psychology Department. When applying for candidacy, students can choose either the Psychology or Industrial/Organizational Psychology major. Students who wish to pursue the PreGraduate Concentration in Psychology must complete a separate application form after 45-60 hours, once candidacy has been achieved.

To apply for candidacy, a student must have:

a) Completed at least 30 hours of coursework (not to include learning support courses)\(^1\);
b) Completed the following general education requirements: ENG1010; ENG1020; MATH1530, 1710\(^4\), 1730, or higher; and a science course (preferably a biology course)\(^2\) with a minimum 2.00 G.P.A.;
c) Completed the following psychology courses: PSY1410; PSY2000\(^2\); and PSY2210 or PSY 2300\(^2\) with a minimum 2.00 G.P.A.\(^3\)

\(^1\)Students should follow the recommended sequence of courses for the freshman year on the Academic Map at the back of this handbook. Transfer students should follow the Academic Map for the year corresponding to their hours earned.

\(^2\)Does not apply to I/O Psychology students/is not required for the I/O Psychology major.

\(^3\)A grade of C- or better is required in PSY1410, PSY2210, & PSY2300 for all psychology majors.

\(^4\)Students who may ultimately plan to pursue graduate education in psychology are strongly encouraged to take MATH1710, MATH1730, or higher in order to have a strong mathematical background.

Candidacy to the major is granted continuously as applications are received. The application for admission to candidacy is an online application form available on the Department of Psychology website. Applications should be submitted the semester after completing the above requirements. It is strongly recommended that students complete the form with the assistance of their department advisor to ensure that the form is completed correctly and submitted successfully.
V. Registering for Classes
Registration information, including deadlines and a course schedule guide, can be found online at the website of the Office of Records and Scheduling (www.mtsu.edu/records). Although it is not required, it is strongly recommended that all psychology majors meet with their department advisor and/or the faculty advisor prior to registering for classes each semester to plan a schedule. Effective Fall 2014, students will be required to see a department advisor every semester for advising until candidacy has been achieved. See the Academic Maps section later in this handbook for detailed information about course sequencing and finishing the psychology major coursework/pre-candidacy coursework in a timely manner.

VI. Taking Honors Courses
Honors courses provide smaller class sizes (no more than 15-20 students), a more challenging intellectual environment, and a freer exchange of ideas than larger classes. The department currently offers a number of honors sections of required core courses. A list of currently offered honors courses can be found on the department website.

Because honors courses are smaller than regular courses, students work more closely with their professors, and these professors can write more detailed letters of recommendation. Hence, honors courses can give you an edge in a highly competitive job market. Honors course work is required for graduating from the University Honors College; completing an honors thesis and honors course work will look impressive on your resume. Ms. Laura Clippard serves as the advisor for students in the Honors College.

To be admitted to the University Honors College as an entering freshman, a student must have a high school GPA greater than or equal to 3.5 and an ACT composite score greater than or equal to 25 (SAT greater than or equal to 1160). There is no essay to write or separate admission form to complete (with the exception of the Buchanan Fellowship). Transfer students or established MTSU students who have completed at least 12 semester hours are eligible to enroll in Honors courses provided that their cumulative GPA is greater than or equal to 3.25. Eligible students are encouraged to enroll in Honors courses even though they may not plan to graduate from the University Honors College. Priority registration is granted after attending a workshop.

To graduate from the University Honors College, students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA equal to or greater than 3.25 and to successfully complete a minimum of 31 semester hours including a thesis as outlined below. The 31 semester hours required for graduation from the Honors College are part of the required 120 hours.

- 20 hours lower-division Honors courses (1000- and 2000-level courses)
- 4 hours upper-division Honors courses (3000- and 4000-level courses)
- 3-hour Honors interdisciplinary seminar
- 1 hour thesis tutorial, UH 4900
- 3 hours Honors independent research, UH 4950

In addition to the above requirements, students must submit a “Statement of Intent to Graduate” through the University Honors College. The intent form should be completed at the beginning of the semester in which the student plans to graduate.

Admissions information, as well as orientation and registration information, can be found in the University Honors College Student Handbook and on the Honors College website (www.mtsu.edu/honors).

VII. Majors Offered
The Psychology Department offers three majors:
1. Psychology; 2. Psychology: Pre-Graduate School concentration; and 3. Industrial/Organizational (IO) Psychology.

1. The Psychology Major

The Psychology major at MTSU is designed for students primarily interested in a liberal arts education or in a background for other professions. This is a 38-hour major. The required core classes in this major meet the recommendations of the American Psychological Association for best practices in undergraduate education. Electives in psychology and additional courses in the arts, sciences, humanities, and preprofessional curricula should be chosen to correspond with interests and career goals. For example, students interested in law should take relevant courses in clinical psychology, economics, business, criminal justice, and political science. Two minors are required of all students. Students have the option of choosing a specialty psychology minor for 1 of their minors, but this is not required. Students may not choose two minors that are housed in the Psychology Department (e.g., mental health services & lifespan development). We encourage students to choose minors that complement their career goals and to choose minors and courses that will lead them to be well-rounded citizens.

2. The Pre-Graduate Psychology Concentration

For students who are interested in pursuing a graduate education in psychology (and in particular the Ph.D. in psychology), the department offers a 41-hour preparatory concentration. Students also must satisfy the requirements for 1 minor from outside the department.

Students who are interested in this program should apply after achieving candidacy, sometime during the sophomore or junior year (no earlier than 45 hours). Because G.P.A. is an important consideration for admission to a graduate program, students who apply to this program should have the potential to be competitive applicants for the Ph.D. or a selective masters program. The following are required for admission to this concentration: (a) a minimum 3.25 overall G.P.A.; (b) a 3.50
GPA for the last 30 hours; and (c) a 3.50 major G.P.A. A subcommittee of Psychology faculty will screen all applicants. Students who are interested in finding out more about this concentration should consult with their department advisor or the program advisor. Applications for this concentration can be obtained from the program advisor, Dr. Michelle Boyer-Pennington. All students should be advised before applying for this program.

Students interested in pursuing graduate school in psychology are strongly encouraged to gain research experience or practical experience by working closely with a faculty member. A desirable research goal is to co-author a paper presented at a scientific meeting and/or to co-author a published paper. The faculty are quite willing to assist students with this portion of their training but are not obligated to work with unqualified students. Credit for such work usually takes the form of enrollment in Independent Research in Psychology (PSY3990) or an honors thesis.

Students interested in pursuing graduate education in psychology are also encouraged to obtain a firm foundation in math and science. Courses in biology, chemistry, and mathematics provide such a background and can be used to meet the MTSU general education requirements. Students who do well in these courses will have a better chance of:

a. scoring higher on the Quantitative section of the G.R.E.,
b. being accepted into a graduate program, and
c. doing well in a graduate program.

3. The Industrial/Organizational Psychology Major

Industrial/Organizational Psychology deals with a variety of personnel and organizational issues, such as employee selection, training, job analysis, and employee motivation. This major is designed to (a) prepare students for entry-level positions in personnel departments of business and industries, and (b) provide a background for students wishing to pursue graduate work in Psychology, I/O Psychology, or related fields.

This major consists of 34 hours of required courses (which must be completed with a grade of C- or above in each course) and 12 hours selected from additional psychology courses. A minor in a related field is required. It is strongly recommended that students who are interested in this major consult with an I/O Psychology advisor early in their program to discuss an appropriate minor, course sequencing, and internship opportunities.

VIII. Minors Offered

The Psychology Department offers a general minor in psychology, as well as four specialty minors and an interdisciplinary minor.

1. Psychology

The minor in psychology requires 15 semester hours. Course work should include: (1) PSY 1410 General Psychology; (2) 3 additional lower division hours; and (3) at least 6 hours at the upper division level (3000- or 4000-level). Effective AY2013-2014, a minimum of 6 psychology hours, to include 3 hours of psychology upper division coursework, must be taken at MTSU to satisfy this minor.

2. Industrial/Organizational Psychology

The minor in I/O psychology requires 15 semester hours. Students who also are pursuing a B.S. degree in Psychology may select I/O Psychology as 1 of their 2 minors; however, courses may not count toward both the major and minor. Effective AY 2013-2014, a minimum of 6 psychology upper division hours must be taken at MTSU to satisfy this minor.

Required Courses (9 hours):

- PSY 3320 Intro. to I/O Psychology
- PSY 4270 Personnel Selection & Placement OR PSY 4330 Industrial/Organizational Training & Dev.
- PSY 4360 Organizational Psychology

Elective Courses (Choose 2: 6 hours):

- PSY 4270 Personnel Selection and Placement*
- PSY 4290 Wage and Salary Administration
- PSY 4330 Industrial/Organizational Training and Dev*
- PSY 4340 Human Factors Psychology
- PSY 4350 Safety Psychology
- PSY 4370 Motivation and Work Attitudes
- PSY 4380 Group Dynamics

*If not taken as a required course

Questions about this minor should be directed to Dr. Judy Van Hein at 898-5752 or (judith.vanhein@mtsu.edu).

3. Neuroscience (Updated 2016)

The Neuroscience minor is a 15-hour minor consisting of 9 hours of required courses and 6 hours of elective hour coursework. This minor is designed to provide a neuroscience background for students planning to pursue advanced degrees in psychology, counseling, biology, education, medical professions, and neuroscience, and for students seeking additional training for jobs in assessment, rehabilitation, and treatment of children and adults with brain damage, brain diseases, and drug rehabilitation. Courses taken for this minor cannot be used to satisfy requirements for a major or for other minors. Effective
AY2013-2014, a minimum of 6 psychology upper division hours must be taken at MTSU to satisfy this minor. The advisor for this minor is Dr. Cyrille Magne. He can be reached at 898-5599 or cyrille.magne@mtsu.edu.

**Required Courses** (9 hours)
PSY 2190 - Human Brain, Behavior and Consciousness1
PSY 4240 - Behavioral Neuroscience
PSY 4780 - Human Neuropsychology2

**Elective Courses** (6 hours)
PSY3990 - Research in Psychology (1-3 hours)3
PSY4030 - Psychology of Sensation and Perception4
PSY4040 - Introduction to Cognitive Psychology5
PSY4050 - Applied Psychopharmacology
PHIL4550 - Philosophy of the Mind

PSY4130 - Lab in Psychology (Sensation & Perception) or
PSY4140 - Lab in Psychology (Cognitive Psychology) or
PSY4150 Lab in Psychology (Behavioral Neuroscience)

BIOL 4560 - Neurobiology6 (4 credits) AND
BIOL 4561 lab (0 credits)

1PSY2190 should be taken prior to the other required and elective courses in the neuroscience minor.
2PSY4240 is a prerequisite for PSY4780/
3Student will need approval from minor advisor for the research topic in PSY3990.
4Cannot be taken as an elective if the student’s major is Psychology because PSY4030 will be required for the major if PSY4240 is taken for the minor.
5PSY4040 cannot be taken as an elective in major is Psychology.
6Biol1110/1111 & Biol1120/1121 are prerequisites for Biol4560

4. Lifespan Development

The Lifespan Development minor is intended for students who want specialized instruction in lifespan and human development issues. This minor is appropriate for students majoring in psychology, health education, nursing, sociology, or social work. The Lifespan Development minor is also a compatible second minor for students who have minors in gerontology, health, sociology, social welfare, women’s studies, or health care services. Also, students who are considering medicine (pre-med), a job in the medical profession, or social work as a career would find this minor beneficial.

Three core courses focusing on childhood, adolescence, and adulthood are required. Electives are selected to supplement knowledge of development in one or more areas of the lifespan.

It is recommended that all students (psychology and non-psychology majors) take PSY 1410: General Psychology prior to taking courses in this minor. Also, PSY 2300: Developmental Psychology should be taken prior to enrolling in any upper division courses in the minor. Under no circumstances may students count the same hours/courses for both a major and minor. All hours for this minor MUST be psychology courses. Effective AY2013-2014, a minimum of 6 psychology upper division hours must be taken at MTSU to satisfy this minor.

**Required Coursework: 39 hours**:
PSY 4190 Child Psychology 3 3
PSY 4210 Adolescent Psychology 3
PSY 4610 Adult Psychology and Aging 3

**Electives (choose 2: 6 hours)**
PSY 2300 Developmental Psychology 3
PSY 3240 Abnormal Child Psychology 3
PSY 4250 Psychology of Exceptional Children 3
PSY 4440 Close Relationships 3
PSY 4600 Psychosexual Adjustment 3
PSY 4620 Psychology of Women 3
PSY 4630 Death and Dying 3
PSY 4720 Multicultural Perspectives 3

Questions about this minor should be directed to Dr. Michelle Boyer-Pennington, 201 Jones Hall, 898-5451, michelle.boyer-pennington@mtsu.edu

5. Mental Health Services (updated 2016)

The Mental Health Services minor prepares students for entry-level positions in mental health settings. It is designed for students planning to work in mental health, health care, social service, and other settings where they would deal with mental health issues, including careers such as social work, counseling, medicine, gerontology, health education, and child and family services. This minor is not appropriate for students pursuing the PreGraduate Psychology major. It is recommended that all students take PSY1410 before beginning classes. Fifteen credit hours are required for this minor. Effective AY2013-2014, a minimum of 6 psychology upper division hours must be taken at MTSU to satisfy this minor.

**Required Courses** (6 hours)
PSY 3230 Abnormal Psychology 3
PSY 4110 Issues & Ethics in Mental Health Services 3

**A. Developmental/Diversity Group (3 hours)**
PSY 3250 Perspectives on Black Psychology 3
PSY 4190 Child Psychology 3
PSY 4210 Adolescent Psychology 3
PSY 4600 Psychosexual Adjustment 3
PSY 4610 Adult Psychology & Aging 3
PSY 4620 Psychology of Women 3

**B. Skills Group (choose 1 course)**
PSY 4650 Health Psychology 3
C. Theory & Application Group (6 hours)

- PSY 3240 Abnormal Child Psychology 3
- PSY 4250 Psychology of Exceptional Children 3
- PSY 4260 Introduction to Psychological Testing 3
- PSY 4400 Behavioral Modification 3
- PSY 4470 Theories of Counseling 3
- PSY 4630 Death & Dying 3
- PSY 4650 Health Psychology 3

Other Recommended Courses

- PSY 4740-4760 Apprenticeship: Child, Pre-Clinical, or Adolescence 1-3

Questions should be directed to Dr. Mary Ellen Fromuth, 898-2548, Jones Hall 222, maryellen.fromuth@mtsu.edu.

6. Behavioral Research

This is a 15-credit hour interdisciplinary minor designed for students who want more specialized instruction in research skills and data analysis. Students select courses from each of four categories: (a) Basic Statistics, (b) Basic Research Methods, (c) Advanced Statistics, and (d) Advanced Research Methods. No more than 7 credit hours in a single department (e.g., psychology) count toward the minor unless the student surpasses the required number of hours (15) necessary for this minor. Also, a student may take no more than 7 credit hours toward this minor in the same department or discipline in which he or she is majoring. Courses will not be counted for both the major and minor. A student who is majoring in any of the areas listed in the Basic Statistics category or the Basic Research category and is taking any course in the category as a part of his or her major requirement may take no more than three credit hours (or four credit hours if taking the course with a lab) from other departments in that category. Effective AY2013-2014, a minimum of 6 psychology upper division hours must be taken at MTSU to satisfy this minor.

Required Coursework (15 credit hours total)

A. Basic Statistics: choose 3 to 6 hours

- PSY 3020 Basic Statistics for Behavioral Sciences 3
- SOC 3050 Data Analysis 3
- PS 3001 Research Methods in Political Science 3
- QM 2610 Statistical Methods I 3
- MATH1530 Applied Statistics 3

B. Basic Research Methods: choose 3 to 7 hours

- PSY 3070/3071 Research Methods/Lab 4
- SOC 3040 Research Methods 3
- SW 2630 Interviewing Skills for Social Work Practice 3
- SW 3110 Research Methods for Social Work Practice 3
- MKT 3930 Marketing Research 3

C. Advanced Statistics: choose 3 to 6 hours

- PSY 4070 Advanced Statistics 3
- QM 3620 Statistical Methods II 3
- MATH2050 Probability and Statistics 3

D. Advanced Research Methods: choose 3 to 6 hours

- PSY 4080 Advanced Research Methods 3
- PHIL 4500 Philosophy of Science 3
- MKT 4880 Applied Marketing Research 3

Questions about this minor should be directed to Dr. Skip Kendrick: 898-2134; Jones Hall 107; psyskip@mtsu.edu.

IX. MTSU Graduation Requirements

To graduate with a psychology major from MTSU, 120 semester hours are required, which includes 41 hours of general education course work. A minimum of 60 semester hours of senior college credit, with at least 42 of the 60 being upper-division courses is required. Effective AY2013-2014, a minimum of 9 psychology upper division hours from the core set of required courses and a minimum of 6 other psychology hours must be taken at MTSU. A minimum major G.P.A. of 2.0 is required for graduation. Refer to the online catalog for specific requirements. Effective AY2014-2015, new students must be admitted to candidacy in order to graduate with a degree in psychology.

It is imperative that incoming transfer students see an advisor to ensure that adequate credit is being given for past coursework. Lower division hours taken at another college or university cannot be substituted for upper division hours required in the major or minor.

X. Students Organizations and Honor Societies:

1. Psychology Club

There are NO REQUIREMENTS for membership in the Psychology Club, other than an interest in and enthusiasm about the field of Psychology. We encourage all Psychology majors as well as minors to join. Come to one of our meetings or sponsored activities. More information can be found on the Psychology Department website.

2. PSI CHI National Honor Society:

Requirements for membership:

- At least 9 Credit Hours in Psychology
- Overall GPA of 3.00
- Psychology GPA of 3.00

Fill out a Membership Application online. If you qualify, you will receive an "Invitation to Join" form. Annual inductions are held in the fall semester. More information is available on the Psychology Department website.
PROGRAM CURRICULUM (2016-2017)

1. MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY

General Education Requirements

A. COMMUNICATION (9 hours)
☐ COMM 2200 ☐ ENGL 1010 ☐ ENGL 1020

B. HISTORY (Choose 2: 6 hours)
☐ HIST 2010 ☐ HIST 2020 ☐ HIST 2030

C. HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS (Choose 3: 9 hours)
One course must be in Literature as indicated by * sign. The other two courses selected must have different rubric prefixes.
☐ ANTH 2210 ☐ ART 1030 ☐ DANC 1000
☐ ENGL 2020* ☐ ENGL 2030* ☐ HIST 1010
☐ HIST 1020 ☐ HIST 1110 ☐ HIST 1120
☐ HUM 2610* ☐ MUS 1030 ☐ PHIL 1030
☐ THEA 1030 ☐ ART 1920

D. MATHEMATICS (Choose 1: 3-4 hours)
☐ MATH 1710 ☐ MATH 1730 ☐ MATH 1530

E. NATURAL SCIENCES (Choose 8 hours)
Two different non-sequential courses must be selected for natural-sciences credit and must be with different rubric prefixes.
☐ ASTR 1030/1 ☐ BIOL 1030/1 ☐ BIOL 1110/1
☐ BIOL 2010/1 ☐ BIOL 2020/1 ☐ CHEM 1010/1
☐ CHEM 1030/1 ☐ CHEM 1110/1 ☐ CHEM 1130/1
☐ GEOL 1030/1 ☐ GEOL 1040/1 ☐ PHYS 1110
☐ PHYS 1130/1 ☐ PHYS 2010/1 ☐ PHYS 2110/1
☐ PSCI 1130/1

F. SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (Choose 2: 6 hours)
Courses selected must have different rubric prefixes.
☐ PSY 1410 (required) ☐ AAS 2100 ☐ ANTH 2010
☐ ECON 2410 ☐ ECON 2420 ☐ GEOG 2000
☐ GS 2010 ☐ HLTH 1530/1531
☐ Jour/EMC/R11020 ☐ PS 1010 ☐ PS 1005
☐ RS 2030 ☐ SOC 1010 ☐ SOC 2010
☐ WGST 2100

Required Courses (38 hours)

Students must earn a C- or better in all Core Courses.

Core Courses (24 hours)
☐ 1410 General Psychology
☐ 2000 Seminar on Careers in Psychology
☐ 2210 Psychology of Social Behavior
☐ 2300 Developmental Psychology
☐ 3020* Basic Statistics for Behavioral Science
☐ 3070 Research Methods
☐ 3071 Research Methods Lab
☐ 3230 Abnormal Psychology OR PSY3590 Personality
☐ 4030 Psychology of Sensation and Perception OR PSY4240 Behavioral Neuroscience
☐ 4040 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology OR PSY 4480 Learning Theories

*PSY3020 Basic Statistics is a prerequisite for PSY3070: Research Methods. Students must take the general education math course before enrolling in PSY3020: Basic Statistics.

Psychology electives (12 hours; 9 credit hours must be 3000-4000 level):

Minor I: ___________________________ Minor II: ___________________________

Minors (Two minors are required. Students may choose a psychology minor as one of their 2 minors, but this is not required. One minor must be from a department other than Psychology. It is recommended that students carefully choose minors to support their career plans.)

Minor I: ___________________________ Minor II: ___________________________

To graduate, a total of 120 hours are required, of which 42 must be upper division, and 60 must be senior college. A minimum of 9 psychology upper division hours from the core set of required courses and a minimum of 6 other psychology hours must be taken at MTSU.

General Education Requirements

A. COMMUNICATION (9 hours)
   □ COMM 2200 □ ENGL 1010 □ ENGL 1020

B. HISTORY (6 hours)
   □ HIST 2010 □ HIST 2020 □ HIST 2030

C. HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS (9 hours)
   One course must be in Literature*, in order to ensure breadth of knowledge; the two other courses selected must have different rubric prefixes.
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D. MATHEMATICS (3-4 hours)
   □ MATH 1710 □ MATH 1730 □ MATH 1530

E. NATURAL SCIENCES (8 hours)
   Two different non-sequential courses must be selected for natural-sciences credit and must have different rubric prefixes; at most, only the first semester of any 2-semester discipline-specific sequence may count for General Education natural-science credit.
   □ ASTR 1030/1 □ BIOL 1030/1 □ BIOL 1110/1
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   □ PHYS 1130/1 □ PHYS 2010/1 □ PHYS 2110/
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F. SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (6 hours)
   The two courses selected must be with different rubric prefixes.
   □ PSY 1410 (required) □ AAS 2100 □ ANTH 2010
   □ ECON 2410 □ ECON 2420 □ GEOG 2000
   □ GS 2010 □ HLTH 1530/1531
   □ Jour/EMC/R1102 □ PS 1010 □ PS 1005
   □ RS 2030 □ SOC 1010 □ SOC 2010
   □ WGST 2100

Pre-Graduate Psychology (41 hours)
   Students must earn a C- or better in all Core Courses, with the exception of PSY4070 & PSY4080, for which a B- is required. A 3.25 is required for graduation.

Core Courses:
   □ PSY 1410 General Psychology
   □ PSY 2000 Seminar on Careers in Psychology
   □ PSY 2210 Psychology of Social Behavior
   □ PSY 2300 Developmental Psychology
   □ PSY 3020* Basic Statistics for Behavioral Science
   □ PSY 3070 Research Methods
   □ PSY 3071 Research Methods Lab
   □ PSY 3230 Abnormal Psychology OR
     PSY 3590 Personality
   □ PSY 4030 Sensation and Perception OR
     PSY 4240 Behavioral Neuroscience
   □ PSY 4040 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology OR
     PSY 4480 Learning Theories
   □ PSY 4070 Advanced Statistics
   □ PSY 4080 Advanced Research Methods***

Elective hours (choose 9 additional hours of psychology courses, with at least 6 hours at the upper division level).

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Minor – (Choose 1 from outside the Psy. Dept.)

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Graduation Requirements: minimum 120 hours required, 42 upper division, 60 senior college. A minimum of 9 psychology upper division hours from the core set of required courses and a minimum of 6 other psychology hours must be taken at MTSU.

Note: Students must formally apply and be accepted into this program. Until admission has been formalized, students should assume that they will need to complete 2 minors.

**PSY 3020 Basic Statistics is a prerequisite for PSY3070. Completion of a general education math course is a prerequisite for PSY3020.

***UH 4950 Honors Independent Research UH or PSY 3990 Research in Psychology may substitute with prior approval from the program advisor and the research mentor. All students must complete 41 hours of psychology credit.

General Education Requirements

A. COMMUNICATION (9 hours)
  □ COMM 2200  □ ENGL 1010  □ ENGL 1020

B. HISTORY (6 hours)
  □ HIST 2010  □ HIST 2020  □ HIST 2030

C. HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS (9 hours)
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D. MATHEMATICS (3-4 hours)
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E. NATURAL SCIENCES (8 hours)
  Two different non-sequential courses must be selected for natural-sciences credit and must have different rubric prefixes; at most only the first semester of any 2- semester discipline-specific sequence may count for General Education natural-science credit.
  □ ASTR 1030/1  □ BIOL 1030  □ BIOL 1110/1
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  □ PSCI 1130/1

F. SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (6 hours)
  The two courses selected must have different rubric prefixes.
  □ PSY 1410 (required)  □ PSY 2210  □ PSY 3020
  □ PSY 2210  □ PSY 2270  □ PSY 4290
  □ PSY 3020*  □ PSY 3070  □ PSY 3071
  □ PSY 3230  □ PSY 3950  □ PSY 4260
  □ PSY 4040  □ PSY 4340  □ PSY 4610
  □ PSY 4360  □ PSY 4370  □ PSY 4720
  □ PSY 4730  □ PSY 4750  □ PSY 4790
  □ PSY 4480  □ PSY 4490  □ PSY 4670

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: I/O Psychology (Students must earn a C- or better in all required Psychology and I/O classes)

Psychology Foundation Courses
Required Courses (22 hours)
  □ PSY 1410 General Psychology
  □ PSY 2210 Psychology of Social Behavior
  □ PSY 3020* Basic Statistics for Behavioral Science
  □ PSY 3070 Research Methods
  □ PSY 3071 Research Methods Lab
  □ PSY 4260 Intro. to Psychological Testing
  □ PSY 3230 Abnormal Psychology OR
      □ PSY 3590 Personality
  □ PSY 4040 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology OR
      □ PSY 4480 Learning Theories

I/O Psychology Courses
Required Courses (18 hours)
  □ PSY 3320 Introduction to I/O Psychology
  □ PSY 4270 Personnel Selection and Placement
  □ PSY 4290 Wage and Salary Administration
  □ PSY 4330 I/O Training and Development
  □ PSY 4360 Organizational Psychology
  □ PSY 4370 Motivation and Work Attitude

Electives (6 hours)
  □ PSY 4070 Advanced Statistics
  □ PSY 4340 Human Factors
  □ PSY 4380 Group Dynamics
  □ PSY 4390 Persuasion
  □ PSY 4610 Adult Psychology and Aging
  □ PSY 4720 Multicultural Psychology
  □ PSY 4730 Internship in IO Psychology

Minor: Choose 1 with the guidance of the major advisor.
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Note that every class is NOT offered every semester. Students should see the major advisor regarding course sequencing and course availability.

Graduation Requirements: minimum of 120 hours required, 42 upper division, 60 senior college. A minimum of 9 psychology upper division hours from the core set of required courses and a minimum of 6 other psychology hours must be taken at MTSU.

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### Academic Maps

**Department Psychology**

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**TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120**

**Please note that students must formally apply with the department to be considered for admission to this program after achieving candidacy. Applications and advising sessions are available through Dr. Michelle Boyer-Pennington, Jones Hall 201.**
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# Undergraduate Psychology Major Checklist

## 2016-2017

- See your department advisor every semester prior to registration to plan courses and ensure that you are making satisfactory progress toward candidacy.
- Apply for candidacy after you have taken the required courses and have 30 hours. Have your department advisor help you to ensure that is submitted correctly.
- Continue to see your department advisor each semester to stay on the 4-year plan for graduation. Complete an upper division form.
- Talk with your faculty advisor about courses, your plans for the future, and career and/or graduate school plans.

## General Degree Progress Guidelines

### Completed

**Complete 120 hours with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0:** This averages to 30 hours/year or 15 hours/semester (to graduate in 4 years); 12 hours is considered full time.

**Complete 41 hours of General Education requirements.** Psychology majors must take MATH1530, 1710, 1730, or a math course higher than MATH1730 to satisfy the math requirement (MATH1010 does not satisfy this requirement). The general education math requirement should be completed prior to enrolling in PSY3020. Students interested in pursuing graduate education should not take MATH 1530.

**Complete 38 hours of Psychology coursework** (9 of the 12 hours of electives should be at the upper division level); choose electives that are compatible with career goals; effective Fall 2013, a minimum of 9 psychology upper division hours from the core set of required courses and a minimum of 6 other psychology hours must be taken at MTSU.

**Complete 2 minors:** students may choose 1 psychology minor, but this is not required (note: the same courses may not be used to fulfill both a major requirement and a minor requirement)

**Complete 42 hours of upper division coursework** (a minimum of 30 hours of upper division coursework must be taken at MTSU). Courses taken as lower division courses elsewhere cannot be assigned upper division credit at MTSU even if MTSU offers an upper division version of the course.

**Complete 15 hours in the major at MTSU:** a minimum of 9 psychology upper division hours from the core set of required course and a minimum of 6 other psychology hours must be taken at MTSU (effective AY2013-2014).

### Yearly Progress

**Freshman Year**

- **All Students**
  
  Work on Gen Ed requirements to include ENG1010, ENG1020, math, and a science. (Note: MATH1010 does not satisfy this requirement). A biology course is preferable for students pursuing the psychology major or the pregraduate concentration in psychology. Note: These courses are required for candidacy to the major.

  Recommended Psychology curriculum: General Psychology (1410), Careers in Psychology (2000), Social Psychology (2210), & Developmental Psychology (2300). Note: These courses are required for candidacy to the major.
Sophomore Year

- All Students
  - Take PSY3020 and PSY3070/3071 sequentially
  - Complete remaining General Education requirements
  - Continue taking required psychology core courses
  - Select minors (with assistance of the advisor), and start taking first courses
  - Apply for candidacy to the major when pre-candidacy requirements are met (after 30 hours)

- Graduate School Bound Students
  - Consider applying to the Pre-Graduate Psychology major after completing 45-60 hours, once candidacy has been achieved. Additional information on this program can also be found on the department website.

Junior Year

- All Students
  - Three semesters prior to graduation complete the upper division form with your advisor(s) and submit an intent to graduate form to the Records Office (deadlines and forms are posted on the Psychology Department website, available from the department advisors, and on the Records and Scheduling website)
  - Continue taking courses for the major and minors if candidacy has been met. Students who have not yet met candidacy and who are continuing at MTSU are strongly advised to choose another major with the help of an advisor.
  - Students interested in completing the Honors Thesis should identify a faculty mentor and start developing thesis research ideas (early in the junior year); sign up for pre-thesis hours through the Honors College 3 semesters prior to graduation

- Graduate School Bound Students
  - Consider getting involved in research with a faculty member—see “Faculty Backgrounds and Research Interests” page on the department website and “Getting Involved in Research”; learn about other research opportunities (PSY3990; URECA grants)
  - Become familiar with the timeline for applying to graduate school in psychology; start studying for the GRE

Senior Year

- All Students
  - Take General Education Exit Exam and Psychology Major Field Test your last semester. Do your best!
  - Complete final courses and requirements; carefully choose remaining elective hours to be compatible with career goals or graduate school plans; if appropriate, complete an internship
  - Students who are completing the Honors Thesis should sign up for Thesis Research hours through the Honors College (2 semesters prior to graduation)
Make an appointment with a Career Coordinator in the Career Development Center; attend job fairs and career fairs; Talk to your faculty advisor

**Graduate School Bound Students**

If you haven’t done so already, consider getting involved in research with a faculty member

**Fall:** study for and take the GRE and Psychology Subject Test (if applicable); choose graduate programs and begin the application process

**Spring:** complete graduate school application process

**NOTES**