

# Undergraduate Psychology Major Checklist

2008-2009

- ❖ If you have ever taken courses at another university or college, you are considered to be a transfer student and should see one of the transfer advisors in the department (Drs. Kendrick, Musicant, Ujcich Ward, & Papini).
- ❖ You should make an appointment with your assigned major advisor at least once a year (and preferably every semester), prior to registering for courses (you should download and fill in an upper division form prior to your first advising appointment); a list of advisors and current office hours can be found on the Psychology bulletin board outside Jones Hall 103 or online at [www.mtsu.edu/~psych](http://www.mtsu.edu/~psych). Upper division forms can also be found on the department website.

## General Degree Progress Guidelines

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	<b>Complete 120 hours with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0:</b> This averages to 30 hours/year or 15 hours/semester (to graduate in 4 years); 12 hours is considered to be full time
	<b>Complete 41 hours of General Education requirements.</b> Psychology majors must take MATH1710 or MATH1730 to satisfy the math requirement (MATH1010 does not satisfy this requirement): MATH1710 OR 1730 is a prereq for PSY3020
	<b>Complete 38 hours of Psychology coursework</b> (9 of the 12 hours of electives should be at the upper division level); choose electives that are compatible with career goals
	<b>Complete 2 minors</b> (15 hours or more); students <b>may</b> choose 1 psychology minor, but this is <b>not</b> required (note: the same courses may <b>not</b> be used to fulfill both a major requirement and a minor requirement)
	<b>Complete 42 hours of upper division (3000-4000) coursework</b> (a minimum of 30 hours of upper division coursework must be taken at MTSU)

# Yearly Progress

## Freshman Year

	<b>All Students</b>
	Work on Gen Ed requirements to include ENG1010, ENG1020, MATH1710 and a science. (Note: MATH1010 does not satisfy this requirement)
	Recommended Psychology curriculum: General Psychology (1410), Careers in Psychology (2000), Social Psychology (2210), & Developmental Psychology (2300) Note: General Psychology also helps to fulfill the general studies requirements, but hours cannot be counted twice.

## Sophomore Year

	<b>All Students</b>
	Take PSY3020 and PSY3070 sequentially (MATH1710 or 1730 is a prerequisite for PSY3020)
	Complete remaining General Education requirements
	Continue taking required psychology core courses
	Select minors (with assistance of the advisor), and start taking first courses
	<b>Graduate School Bound Students</b>
	Consider applying to the Pre-Graduate concentration after completion of 45-60 hours. Additional information on this concentration can be found online at <a href="http://frank.mtsu.edu/~psych/major.htm#3">http://frank.mtsu.edu/~psych/major.htm#3</a> .

## Junior Year

	<b>All Students</b>
	<b>Three semesters prior to graduation</b> , complete the <a href="#">upper division form</a> with your advisor(s) and submit it along with an <a href="#">intent to graduate form</a> to the Records Office (deadlines and forms are posted online); students should print out the upper division form and fill it out prior to the advising appointment
	Continue taking courses for the major and minors
	Students interested in completing the <b>Honors Thesis</b> 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
	<b>Graduate School Bound Students</b>
	Consider getting involved in research with a faculty member—see “ <a href="#">Faculty Backgrounds and Research Interests</a> ” page on the “Faculty/Staff” area of the department website and “ <a href="#">Getting Involved in Research</a> ”; learn about other research opportunities (PSY3990; McNair, URSCA grants)
	Become familiar with the timeline for applying to graduate school in psychology (see “Getting into Graduate School in Psychology” on the Psychology Department website)

## Senior Year

	<b>All Students</b>
	Take General Education Exam and Psychology Major Field Test your last semester (test dates are published online)
	Complete final courses and requirements; carefully choose remaining elective hours to be compatible with career goals or graduate school plans
	Students who are completing the <b>Honors Thesis</b> 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
	<b>Graduate School Bound Students</b>
	If you haven't done so already, consider getting involved in research with a faculty member
	<b>Fall:</b> study for and take the GRE and Psychology Subject Test (if applicable); choose graduate programs and begin the application process (see “Getting Into Graduate School in Psychology” on the Department website)
	<b>Spring:</b> complete graduate school application process