

Honors Program

The Department of Political Science, in cooperation with the University Honors Program, offers courses that are open exclusively to honors students. These courses are listed in the University's *Schedule of Courses* each semester. Students who meet the standards of the University Honors Program may enroll in these courses.

Psychology

Michael Perone, Chair

Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science

Admission Requirements

Requirements for admission to the degree programs in psychology include completion of PSYC 101, PSYC 201, and STAT 211, with a minimum grade of C in each, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all attempted psychology courses; and completion of 58 credit hours.

Degree Requirements

Required Courses PSYC 101, 201, 202, 301, 302; STAT 211; either PSYC 241 or 251; one course from PSYC 423, 424, 425, 426; and other selected courses; three additional courses, with no more than one at the 200 level, from PSYC 231, 232, 241, 251, 281, 293, 331, 342, 343, 345, 351, 362, 363, 364, 379, 382, 423, 424, 425, 426, 474, 493. Completion of the psychology capstone course (PSYC 401) and a three-credit capstone experience are required within the 12 months prior to graduation.

An overall 2.0 average in all psychology courses attempted is required for graduation. In addition, a minimum grade of C is required in the following courses: PSYC 101, 201, 202, 241 or 251, 301, and 302, and STAT 211.

Students seeking the B.S. degree in psychology must also complete the college B.S. degree requirements. One elective course from PSYC 423, 424, 425, or 426.

Recommended courses for students primarily interested in graduate work in psychology, are: PSYC 331, 491, 495; additional courses from 423, 424, 425, 426, and 498.

For students primarily interested in a career in mental health or applied psychology requiring a B.A., the following courses are recommended: PSYC 241, 251, 362, 474, 491, and appropriate courses from among 231, 281, 363, 364, 379, and 382. For students majoring in psychology as a liberal arts field, including students who plan to attend graduate or professional school in a field other than psychology and students planning to work in a field not directly related to psychology but who wish a broad exposure to the field of psychology, the following courses are recommended: PSYC 241, 251, 331, and at least one course from among PSYC 281, 363, 364, 379, 382, and 474.

All psychology majors are encouraged to take upper-division courses that provide them an opportunity to apply basic principles of psychology. For this purpose, PSYC 490, 491, and 495 are recommended. Students must have instructor consent before enrolling in these courses.

Common electives for psychology majors include biology, child development and family relations, computer science, mathematics, philosophy, political science, social work, sociology and anthropology, and statistics courses.

For additional information: <http://www.wvu.edu/~psychology/>.

Applied Psychology Emphasis

Psychology majors interested in a career working in applied mental health or organizational settings following completion of their bachelor's degree may select the elective courses listed below. Students who complete these courses with a minimum grade of B in each may request a departmental certificate of completion and cover letter detailing the applicability of these courses to work in applied settings, which the student may then provide to potential employers. Students wishing to complete this emphasis should plan their curriculum carefully, and need to be aware that they will not be given special priority for

gaining admission to the listed courses. The four elective psychology courses must include: PSYC 362 and 474; and two courses from PSYC 231, 363, 379, and 382. Students must also take at least 12 credits of PSYC 491.

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The Department of Psychology honors program is designed to provide special enrichment, attention, and recognition for exceptional psychology majors. Admission to the program requires completion of nine hours of psychology, a psychology GPA of 3.5, and an overall GPA of 3.4. Graduation with departmental honors in psychology requires the same GPAs and completion of an honors thesis (three to six hours of PSYC 498). Information about the program is available in the department's student records office or from the director of undergraduate training.

Regents Bachelor of Arts

Carol Hando, Coordinator

Especially designed for the adult, the regents bachelor of arts degree offers the possibility of earning college-equivalent credit based on the assessment of life and/or work experiences. An initial assessment fee is charged, with an additional posting fee for credits posted to the transcript.

Degree Requirements

Total credits are 128, including 40 upper-division credits, and 36 credits in general education (at least six hours each in communication skills, humanities, social sciences, and natural or physical sciences, and three hours in mathematical science). This program has no major. Students may earn areas of emphasis.

Admission

Admission is open only to students who graduated from high school four or more years ago. For those passing a high school equivalency test, admission must be four years after their class graduated from high school. Students who possess a baccalaureate degree are ineligible, nor can the RBA degree be awarded as second bachelor's degree.

Fees Tuition and fees are the same as for those in other undergraduate programs. For those seeking college equivalent credit there is an initial \$300 assessment fee and an additional \$10 per credit hour fee for credits posted to the transcript.

Additional information is available from the Coordinator, Regents B.A. Program, 221 Armstrong Hall, P.O. Box 6289, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506-6289. Phone: (304) 293-5441. E-mail: regents_ba@mail.wvu.edu. Online at <http://rba.as.wvu.edu>.

Religious Studies

Aaron Gale, Coordinator

Degree Offered

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Interdepartmental Studies

Nature of Program

The program for religious studies in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences meets the needs of West Virginia University students by offering instruction in the history and practices of many world religions including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Near Eastern traditions. In addition, the program offers opportunities for the exploration of many other interesting areas of study including Hebrew and Christian scriptures, ethics, and other interesting topics. The program for religious studies also seeks to address issues of interest within the WVU community by providing activities such as guest lectures and panel forums for students and the public.