

University of Indianapolis – *College of Education & Behavioral Sciences***2025-2026 Curriculum Guide for Psychology Majors (PSYM)/ Early Application Program in Master of Science in Psychology Bachelor of Science ■**

Students majoring in Psychology and planning to apply for early admission to the Master of Science in Psychology program must complete the majority of the requirements for the Psychology major and the General Education Core requirements the first three years of study, and students are encouraged to select a minor or concentration that supports their graduate school goals. Completion of these sets of requirements will take careful planning; therefore, you should consult with your academic and faculty advisors on a regular basis. The following is a **suggested** three-year plan.

Consult the General Education Core Curriculum Guide when choosing classes.

**Year I – Semester I (17 hours)**

- **INTD 101** New Student Experience (1) Gen Ed Core – New Student Exp.\*
- **PSY 124** Fndtns of Psychological Science I – Research Methods (3) PSY Major – 1<sup>ST</sup> Year Course\*\*
- **MATH180** College Algebra and Trigonometry (4) OR Gen Ed Core – Math Competency\*
- **MATH150** Finite Mathematics (4)
- **COMM XXX** Communications Course (3) Gen Ed Core – Communication\*
- **ENGL 101** Intro to College Writing (3) Gen Ed Core – Critical Thinking\*
- **FYS XXX** First Year Seminar (3) Gen Ed Core – FYS\*

**Year I – Semester II (16 hours)**

- **PSY 125** Statistics (3) Fndtns of Psychological Science I –
- **PSY 165** Career Pathways in Psychology (1) PSY Major – Core\*\*
- **PSY 215** Social Psychology (3) PSY Major – 1<sup>ST</sup> Year Course\*\*
- **PSY 235** Cognitive Psychology (3) PSY Major – Core\*\*
- **LIT XXX** Literature Course (3) PSY Major – Core\*\*
- **HISTXXX** History Course (3) Gen Ed Core – Literature\*
- Ged Ed Core – History\*

**Year II – Semester I (14.5-17.5 hours)**

- **PSY 230** Brain & Behavior (3) PSY Major – Core\*\*
- **PSY 245** Lifespan Psychology (3) PSY Major – Core\*\*
- **NAT SCI XXX** Natural Science Course (3-4) Gen Ed Core – Natural Science\*
- **LANGXXX** Modern Language (101 level) (4) Gen Ed Core – Mod Lang\*
- *If language proficiency is already demonstrated, another 3-4 credit hour course may replace this class. Please see your advisor.*
- **ARTSXXX** Arts course (2-3) Gen Ed Core – Arts\*
- **INTD 201** Lecture/Performance Series (.5) Gen Ed Core – Lect/Perf\*

**Year II – Semester II (15.5 hours)**

- **PSY 400** Writing and Professional Development in Psychology (3) PSY Major – Precapstone\*\*
- **PSY 3XX** Readings Course in Psychology (3) PSY Major – Readings\*\*
- **GA/ECD ELEC** Global Awareness & Experiencing Cultural Differences (3) Gen Ed Core - Global Awareness & Experiencing Cultural Differences\*
- **REL XXX** Religion course (3) Gen Ed Core – Religion \*
- **INTD 202** Lecture/Performance Series (.5) Gen Ed Core – Lect/Perf \*
- **SOC XXX** Social Science (3) Gen Ed Core – Social Science\*

**Year III – Semester I (16 hours)**

- **PSY 3XX** Readings Course in Psychology (3) PSY Major – Readings\*\*
- **KINS 101** Wellness/Fitness for a Lifetime (1) Gen Ed Core – Wellness \*
- **PHILXXX** Philosophy & Ethics Course (3) Gen Ed Core – Phil & Ethics\*
- **XXX** Elective (3) Elective^ (for degree hour requirement)
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- **XXX** Elective (3) Elective^ (for degree hour requirement)

**Year III – Semester II (15 hours)**

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| • | <b>PSY 476</b> | Capstone (3) | PSY Major – Capstone**                  |
| • | <b>XXX</b>     | Elective (3) | Elective^ (for degree hour requirement) |
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| • | <b>XXX</b>     | Elective (3) | Elective^ (for degree hour requirement) |
| • | <b>XXX</b>     | Elective (3) | Elective^ (for degree hour requirement) |

**NOTE:** For students who did not receive early assurance prior to beginning the PSYM but who are still hoping to be accepted into the program under an early admission, decisions on admission into the MS program will be made by the beginning of Semester II of Year III. Those not admitted directly into graduate school may continue toward completing the Psychology BS.

**NOTE:** Before beginning the MS program in Year IV, a student must complete at least 108 credit hours and have completed most major requirements. Students need to have two courses left in their undergraduate degree to take during their fourth (4th year); students are strongly encouraged to take one psychology elective each semester of their fourth (4th year).

**NOTE:** Students are not permitted to start the graduate Masters in Psychology curriculum before their fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) year unless permission has been granted by the Department of Psychological Sciences.

**NOTE:** Students who have received early assurance for entrance into the MS in Psychology must maintain a **cumulative** and **prerequisite** grade point average of **3.5/4.0**, earn at least a grade of C or higher in each Psychology course, complete the graduate application process the year prior to starting, and continue as a student at the University of Indianapolis.

**NOTE:** PSYM students are strongly encouraged to take PSY 405 and at least 1 semester of PSY 460 as electives towards the psychology degree.

**NOTE:** PSYM students are strongly encouraged to take MATH 150 or 180 as their core curriculum Math requirement.

**NOTE:** Students are encouraged to select a minor or concentration that will support their graduate school goals. Students should discuss their options with their advisor. Elective courses are required for students to meet the minimum credit hour requirement for early admission to the MS program.

++ Students considering the Research Track will be required to submit an additional application. Admittance to the Research Track will be contingent on the student's GPA and possible GRE scores and faculty availability.

\* = UIndy core; \*\* = Psychology Major # = Please consult advisor for assistance in selecting electives.

**Master of Science in Psychology Curriculum****Year IV for 4+1 Students/Year I for Traditional Graduate Students**

Each MS Psychology student must select *one* of the three MS in Psychology tracks to complete. Students may choose the General Psychology Track, Research Track, or Program Development and Evaluation. The curriculum guide below represents the curriculum guide for students in the *General* Track. Students should consult the Program Advisor for the MS in Psychology program requirements when registering for courses.

**Semester I (9 Hours)\***

- **PSY 345/GPSY 565** Advanced Psychopathology (3)
  - **PSY 405/GPSY 505** Research Methods and Statistics (3)
  - **GPSY 533** Social Psychology (3)
  - **GPSY 501** Professional Development (0)
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- **Semester II (9 Hours)\***
  - **GPSY 524** Lifespan Psychology (3)
  - **GPSY 506** Applied Statistical Analyses (3)
  - **GPSY 518** Cognitive Psychology (3)
  - **GPSY 501** Professional Development (0)

\*Students may take 9-12 hours each semester during year IV depending on how many credits are needed to complete the undergraduate degree.

**Year V for 4+1 Students/Year II for Traditional Graduate Students<sup>#</sup>****Semester I (12 Hours)**

- **GPSY 530** Advanced Theories of Personality (3)
- **GPSY 541** Foundation Skills for Psychotherapy (3)

- **GPSY 620** History and Systems of Psychology (3)
- **GPSY XXX** Psychology Elective Course (3)

## Semester II (9)

- **GPSY 520** Ethics, Professional Standards, and Legal Issues (3)
- **GPSY 521** Neuropsychological/Biological Bases of Behavior (3)
- **XXX** Elective Course (3)

**NOTE:** UG degree requirements are met by the end of Semester II of Year IV.

**NOTE:** Some courses at UIndy may have prerequisites that are not required by the core, the major, or the PSYM prerequisite. The University of Indianapolis undergraduate catalog should be consulted.

**NOTE:** Electives may be taken in any semester and may involve combinations of 1, 2, or 3 credit hour elective offerings. Some electives might require additional prerequisites not already accounted for in the degree

**NOTE:** Some tracks may require summer classes.

**NOTE:** A minimum score of a B- is required for a course to count towards the Master's degree.

#The Research Track course sequence may vary. Students should consult with their advisor.

^^ Students are encouraged to select electives that complement their track and their educational or professional aspirations. Students may petition to have additional courses outside of the DoPS considered as an elective. Students pursuing the Thesis tracks must complete a minimum of 3 elective hours while students pursuing the Program Development and Evaluation track must complete a minimum of 6 elective hours.

## MS in Psychology Tracks

Each student must choose 1 track to complete. Each track is 18 hours. Classes in tracks are not offered every semester or every year. Students should work closely with the CABS Program Advisor to plan out a sequence of classes that will allow them to complete the degree on time.

### General Psychology Track

- **GPSY 520** Ethics, Professional Standards, and Legal Issues (3 Credits)
- **GPSY 530** Advanced Theories of Personality (3 Credits)
- **GPSY 541** Foundation Skills for Psychotherapy (3 Credits)
- **GPSY 620** History and Systems of Psychology (3 Credits)
- **GPSY XXX** Selected Psychology Course with Permission from Advisor (3 Credits)
- **XXX** Elective Course (3 Credits)

### Research Track

- **\*\*GPSY 593** Master's Thesis (12 Credits)
- **\*\*\*XXX** Elective Course (3 Credits)
- **\*\*\*XXX** Elective Course (3 Credits)

\*\*On average, students enroll for 3 hours of Master's Thesis course work each semester for 2 academic years, for a total of 12 credit hours.

### Program Development and Evaluation

- **HSCI 520** Leadership and Personal Development (3)
- **MBA 525** Project Management (3) or **MSM 525**: Project Management (3)
- **GERO 585/HSCI 622** Grant Writing (3 Credits) OR
- **SOC 513** Grant Writing for Program Development & Research Support (3 Credits)
- **GERO571** Program Evaluation (3 Credits) OR
- **HSCI 621** Program Evaluation & Development (3 Credits)
- **\*\*\* XXX** Elective Course (3 Credits)
- **\*\*\* XXX** Elective Course (3 Credits)

\*\*\*Students are encouraged to select electives that complement their track and their educational or professional aspirations.

Students may select electives from the approved list below, or petition to have additional courses outside of the Department of Psychological Sciences considered as electives.

**Total Hours from Track Courses: 18**

**Total Hours for MS in Psychology Degree: 39**

REMEMBER: If you have any questions about the Psychology Major and its requirements, contact your academic advisor. Courses and requirements sometimes change so keep in contact with your advisor.