

# What do I do now that I am a Psychology Major?

## What courses do I take?

### REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES

UNIV 1000	1	_____
PSYC 2010	3	_____
PSYC 2180	3	_____
PSYC 3180	3	_____
PSYC 4110	3	_____
PSYC 4115/6(lab)	1	_____
PSYC 4500/4820	3	_____

### ELECTIVE BLOCKS:

These do not have to be taken in a order of block number.

#### BLOCK 1 – CHOOSE 1

PSYC 3300	3	_____
OR		
PSYC 4210	3	_____

#### BLOCK 2 – CHOOSE 1

PSYC 3150	3	_____
OR		
PSYC 4130	3	_____

#### BLOCK 3 - CHOOSE 2

PSYC 3210	3	_____
PSYC 3410	3	_____
PSYC 3510	3	_____

#### BLOCK 4 – CHOOSE 2

(Any 3000 or 4000 level PSYC Course)

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This system is based on your LAST name

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## Want to be a Psychologist? (Researcher, Professor, Clinician)

**Start EARLY gaining experience  
in as many areas as possible:**

### Research

- Readings and Research (PSYC 4515, 4516, 4517)
- Get involved with a faculty members research program
- MARC Program
- Sophmores GPA 3.0+
- Apply to earn money and gain valuable research experience
- Summer Research
  - APA Summer Science Fellowships for undergraduates
  - web search for more

### Service and Experience

- PSYC 4360 Field Placement
- Volunteer (examples)
  - H.U.G.G.S. [www.huggstn.org](http://www.huggstn.org)
  - Youth Villages [www.youthvillages.org](http://www.youthvillages.org)
- International Studies
- Tennessee Consortium for International Studies

### Organizations

- Psi Chi TSU chapter:
  - International Honors Society in Psychology
  - GPA 3.0+, 60 hours
- Psychology Club
- Open to all
- Association of Black Psychologists

**NOTE: A grade of C or higher must be earned in all courses used for the major. Psychology courses with a grade of D that are not required for the major may count as an elective AND will count towards the 120 hours needed for graduation.**

In addition to those courses listed above students must complete:

-38 hours of General Education courses:

**Communication (9)** (6-English Composition, 3-Public Speaking)

**Humanities (9)** (at least 3-English Literature)

**Natural Sciences (8)**

**Math (3)**

**American History (6)** – Must be taken AFTER ENGL1010/1020

**Social Sciences(6)** – General Psychology counts towards 3 of these hours

-A minimum of 42 hours. of upper division courses (3000 and 4000 level)

-Complete 120 total hours

A minor in Psychology consists of PSYC 2010 and 18 hours of upper division psychology courses

### Helpful websites:

B.S. Psychology Homepage

<http://www.tnstate.edu/psychology/Bspsych.aspx>

To look up information about various psychology related jobs

<http://www.onetonline.org/>

Career-related sites American

Psychological Association

<http://psycareers.apa.org/> and

Association for Psychological Science

<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/>

### LOWER DIVISION PSYCHOLOGY COURSES

UNIV 1000 Orientation (1).

PSYC 2010 General Psychology (3).

PSYC 2180 Elementary Statistics (3).

### UPPER DIVISION PSYCHOLOGY COURSES

**ATTENTION:** You **MUST** take PSYC 2010 **BEFORE** taking any 3000 or 4000 level Psychology course. Other Prerequisites are listed below. Plan ahead!

PSYC 3150 Principles of Learning (3)

PSYC 3180 Computer Applications and Technical Writing (3).

*Prerequisite:* C or better in PSYC2180

PSYC 3210 Abnormal Psychology (3).

PSYC 3230 The Psychology of the Black Experience (3).

PSYC 3300 Physiological Psychology (3).

PSYC 3310 Principles of Human Sexuality (3).

PSYC 3410 Social Psychology (3).

PSYC 3510 Developmental Psychology (3).

PSYC 3530 The Psychology of Death and Dying (3).

PSYC 4110 Foundations of Psychological Investigation (3).

PSYC 4115 or 4116 Foundations of Psychological Investigations Lab (1). *Pre- or Co-requisite:* PSYC 3180. (*Note:* 4110 and 4115/4116 must be taken with the same instructor. \*Note must also have made C or better in PSYC 2180.

PSYC 4130 Human Learning and Cognitive Processes (3).

PSYC 4210 Sensation and Perception (3).

PSYC 4240 Behavior Modification (3).

PSYC 4250 Introduction to Personality Theory (3).

PSYC 4360 Field Placement in Psychology (3). *Prerequisite:* PSYC 3210, and either PSYC 3360 or PSYC 4370, and permission of the instructor.

PSYC 4370 Fundamentals of Counseling (3).

PSYC 4400. Drugs and Behavior (3).

PSYC 4500 Senior Project (3). *Prerequisite:* C or better in PSYC 2180, PSYC 3180, PSYC 4110, and either PSYC 4115 or 4116.

PSYC 4820 Senior Seminar (3). *Prerequisite:* C or better in PSYC 2180, 3180, 4110, and either PSYC 4115 or 4116.

PSYC 4515, 4516, 4517 (3). Readings and Research in Psychology (3,3,3). *Prerequisite:* 12 hrs. of upper division psychology courses, B or higher in 2180.

PSYC 4605, 4606, 4607, 4608 Special Topics in Psychology (3,3,3,3).

PSYC 4620 Introduction to Psychological Tests and Measurement (3).

PSYC 4810 History and Systems of Psychology (3).

### **RECOMMENDED COURSES IN OTHER DEPTS:**

**HPSS 3200 (3) Sport Psychology**

**ENGL 4950 (3) Research Writing**

### **NEED HELP DECIDING ON A CAREER?**

Go to TSU's Career Development Center and find out how to take the online KUDER test of career interests.

## What Jobs are there for Psychology Majors?

### **Business Area**

*(A minor in Business would be helpful)*

Advertising agent	Claims specialist
Customer relations	Employee Counselor
Job analyst	Loan Officer
Management Trainee	Marketing Representative
Marketing researcher	Media buyer
Occupational analyst	Personnel worker
Public relations	Public information officer
Sales representative	Small business owner
Store manager	Staff training/development

### **Mental Health Services Area**

*(minor in non-profit management, social work or courses in criminal justice and sociology would be helpful)*

Probation officer	Case worker
Program manager	Substance abuse counselor
Employment counselor	Child protection worker
Rehabilitation advisor	Residential youth counselor
Corrections officer	Family service worker
Counselor aide	Group home coordinator
Social service director	Daycare center supervisor

### **Other Positions**

Newspaper reporter	Affirmative action officer
Congressional aide	Community relations officer
Child care worker	Director of alumni relations
College recruiter	College admissions counselor
Director of fund raising	Park and recreation director
Technical writer	Hospital patient services rep.
Statistical assistant	Community recreation worker

## **What if I want to go to Graduate School?**

If you think you are interested in continuing onto a graduate program you should start early to gain research or field experience. Use opportunities in the summer either after your sophomore or junior year to take advantage of the many research and field opportunities available throughout the country. Remember the key is to start early to make yourself as competitive as possible for the best programs.

In addition here are some specifics:

- Do you have a Curriculum Vitae (CV)?
- Have you taken the GRE or MAT?
- Do you need to take a GRE subject test?
- What degree or program are you interested in applying to and what are their deadlines?
- Have you written your personal statement?
- Have you asked your references to write letters on your behalf (**give them 4 weeks notice**)?