

# Psychology Major

Total Semester Hours: 36  
Hours Per Semester: 14-16

## Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2025-2026

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

<b>Fall Semester 1</b>  PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology <sup>1,2</sup> or PSYC 268 Statistics <sup>1*</sup> , if complete  <i>CORE 101: First Year Seminar</i> <i>CORE 131: H. Human Flourishing (1)</i> <i>CATC options-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</li> <li>▪ ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</li> <li>▪ Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course</li> </ul>	<b>Spring Semester 1</b>  PSYC 268 Statistics <sup>1*</sup> or PSYC 269 Experimental Psychology*, if complete  <i>First Year CATC Options</i> <i>Language Core Competency</i> <i>BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</i>	<b>Summer 1</b>  Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton In summer program, WIN (Honey Rock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research
<b>Fall Semester 2</b>  PSYC 269: Experimental Psychology* or Foundational Processes Course <sup>3*</sup> , if complete  <i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)</i> <i>BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</i>	<b>Spring Semester 2</b>  Foundation Processes Course <sup>3*</sup> Psychology Elective (2-12) <sup>4</sup>  <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i>	<b>Summer 2</b>  Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton In summer program, WIN (Honey Rock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research
<b>Fall Semester 3</b>  Foundational Processes Course <sup>3*</sup> , unless 2 completed. PSYC Advanced Topic <sup>5*</sup>  Consider semester off campus or abroad – GPS <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	<b>Spring Semester 3</b>  PSYC Advanced Topic <sup>5*</sup> , if not already completed Psychology Elective (2-12) <sup>4</sup>  <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	<b>Summer 3</b>  Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton In summer program, WIN (Honey Rock), internship, summer research
<b>Fall Semester 4</b>  PSYC 494: Psychology Senior Capstone (2)* Psychology Elective (2-12) <sup>4</sup>  <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i>	<b>Spring Semester 4</b>  PSYC 494: Psychology Senior Capstone (2)*, if not already completed Complete Psychology Electives <sup>4</sup>  <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i>	<b>Summer 4</b>

### Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

\* Course has prerequisite

<sup>F</sup> Fall only course

<sup>S</sup> Spring only course

<sup>#</sup> Offered every other year

<sup>1</sup> Courses that meet CATC tags: PSYC 101 (SI), PSYC 268 (AAQR), optional choice for Foundational Processes- NEUR 241 (SP). A maximum of 3 themes may be applied to meet both Thematic Core requirements and major requirements.

<sup>2</sup> Before completing PSYC 101 you might consider taking PSYC 317 Developmental Psychology, PSYC 241 Social Psychology or PSYC 235 Cross-Cultural Psychology. These have no prerequisites and count as major electives (minimum of 12 credits of major elective required).

<sup>3</sup> Foundational Processes course - Select 2 from: PSYC 343 Sensation and Perception, PSYC 345 Learning, PSYC 351 Cognition, NEUR 241 Foundations of Neuroscience (also fulfills Scientific Practice thematic core tag), or PSYC 355 Advanced Statistics and Psychological Testing. **All the Foundational Processes courses except NEUR 241 require PSYC 269.**

<sup>4</sup> 12 elective credits are required from any Psychology courses, including NEUR 241, or from certain CORE Advanced Integrative Seminars ([CORE 306](#): Drugs, Society & Religion; [CORE 316](#): Sport Psychology; and [CORE 352](#): Applying Cognitive Psychology to Educational Practice. NOTE: Students may only take one AIS course at Wheaton College. Any course which is used to satisfy a major elective cannot simultaneously satisfy another major requirement.

<sup>5</sup> All majors must take one Psychology Advanced Topic such as: PSYC 476 Introduction to Clinical Mental Health Counseling, PSYC 482 Theories and Methods of Integration, PSYC 483 Advanced Topics in Abnormal Psychology, PSYC 484 Psychology of Religion, PSYC 485 Psychology of the Family, PSYC 486 History of Psychology, PSYC 487 Men and Addictions, PSYC 489 Human Sexuality and Gender, and PSYC 491 Cognitive Psychology in the Real World. Junior standing is required.

-PSYC 496 Internship or PSYC 497 Collaborative Research are suggested (after completing PSYC 269 or PSYC 497) to prepare for graduate study or for vocational discernment.

-Neuroscience or Biology courses are recommended for the Christ at the Core Scientific Practice thematic core tag, as these both deal with issues important to psychology, whereas chemistry does less so, and physics and geology do even less so.

-All majors are required to take PSYC 101, 268, and 269. Each one is a prerequisite for the next, so complete that sequence as soon as possible.