

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Department of Psychology Bachelor of Arts Degree

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The proposed changes are indicated in shaded sections below:

Existing Requirements	Proposed Requirements
Core Requirements (11 Credits)	Core Requirements (11 Credits)
PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology (4 credits)	PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology (4 credits)
PSYC 211: The Science and Profession of Psychology (prerequisite: ENGL 100 and PSYC 100) (3 credits)	PSYC 211: The Science and Profession of Psychology (prerequisite: ENGL 100 and PSYC 100) (3 credits) OR PSYC 309 Exploring Psychology: the Discipline and Careers (prerequisite ENGL 100, PSYC 100, two additional PSYC courses, at least 45 credits) (3 credits)
PSYC 311: Research Methods in Psychology I (prerequisites: PSYC 211 and STAT 121, 350, 351, 355, or 451) (4 credits)	PSYC 311: Research Methods in Psychology I [prerequisites: (PSYC 211 or PSYC 309) and (STAT 121, 350, 351, 355, or 451)] (4 credits)
One course from each of the following domains. No more than three courses at the 200-level. (18 credits)	One course from each of the following domains. No more than three courses at the 200-level. (18 credits)
Biological bases	Biological bases
PSYC 335: Physiological Psychology	PSYC 335: Physiological Psychology
PSYC 370: Sensation and perception	PSYC 370: Sensation and perception
PSYC 375: Neuroanatomy	PSYC 375: Neuroanatomy
PSYC 390: Neuropsychopharmacology	PSYC 390: Neuropsychopharmacology
Learning and Cognition	Learning and Cognition
PSYC 210: Psychology of Learning	PSYC 210: Psychology of Learning
PSYC 316: Language & Thought	PSYC 316: Language & Thought
PSYC 317: Cognitive Psychology	PSYC 317: Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 360: Psychology of Motivation	PSYC 360: Psychology of Motivation
Social, Personality, Abnormal	Social, Personality, Abnormal
PSYC 285: Abnormal Psychology	PSYC 285: Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 340: Social Psychology	PSYC 340: Social Psychology
PSYC 380: Personality	PSYC 380: Personality
PSYC 382: Child & Adolescent Psychopathology	PSYC 382: Child & Adolescent Psychopathology
Development:	Development:
PSYC 200: Child Developmental Psychology	PSYC 200: Child Developmental Psychology
PSYC 304: Adolescent Psychology	PSYC 304: Adolescent Psychology
PSYC 305: The Exceptional Child	PSYC 305: The Exceptional Child
PSYC 306: Lifespan Human Development	PSYC 306: Lifespan Human Development
PSYC 307: Psychology of Aging	PSYC 307: Psychology of Aging
PSYC 365: Children with Disabilities	PSYC 365: Children with Disabilities
Culture, Diversity, and Context:	Culture, Diversity, and Context:
PSYC 230: Psychology & Culture	PSYC 230: Psychology & Culture
PSYC 330: Child Development & Culture	PSYC 330: Child Development & Culture
PSYC 356: The Psychology of Sex & Gender	PSYC 356: The Psychology of Sex & Gender
PSYC 357: Psychology of Women	PSYC 357: Psychology of Women
PSYC 387: Community Psychology	PSYC 387: Community Psychology
Applied Psychology:	Applied Psychology:
PSYC 308: Child Maltreatment	PSYC 308: Child Maltreatment
PSYC 320: Psychological Assessment	PSYC 320: Psychological Assessment
PSYC 324: Introduction to Interviewing Techniques	PSYC 324: Introduction to Interviewing Techniques
PSYC 342: The Psychology of Aggression & Antisocial	PSYC 342: The Psychology of Aggression & Antisocial

Behavior	Behavior
PSYC 345: Introduction to Clinical Psychology & Psychotherapy	PSYC 345: Introduction to Clinical Psychology & Psychotherapy
PSYC 346: Industrial & Organization Psychology	PSYC 346: Industrial & Organization Psychology
PSYC 385: Health Psychology	PSYC 385: Health Psychology
Additional Upper-Level PSYC Courses (6 credits) At least 3 credits must be at the 400 level. May not use PSYC 397, 398, 399, 490, 498, 499.	Additional Upper-Level PSYC Courses (6 credits) At least 3 credits must be at the 400 level. May not use PSYC 309, 397, 398, 399, 490, 498, 499.

Rationale:

For Freshman/early Sophomores, PSYC 211 is an appropriate orientation to and preparation for the Psychology major; the “Four Year Academic Pathway” plan for the B.A. in Psychology recommends that PSYC 211 be taken second semester Freshman year. PSYC 309 Exploring Psychology: the Discipline and Careers is for more advanced (45+ credits) students who have passed at least two additional PSYC courses beyond PSYC 100. For these students, **PSYC 309 will substitute for PSYC 211** in the foundational sequence (PSYC 100 → **PSYC 309** → PSYC 311). PSYC 309 will cover the same general topics as PSYC 211 (e.g. overview of the discipline and career opportunities; skills necessary for success in the Psychology major; academic planning and student support resources), but in greater depth and with emphases that suits the unique strengths and needs of these students.