

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS

(class of 2026 and beyond)

The major consists of **eleven** courses. Of these, one class (any level) must have content related to the brain, denoted by ([Psychology: Biological](#)).

**Three CORE** courses; to be completed by the end of the junior year

- PSYC 101 Principles of Psychology.
- PSYC 218 Statistics.
- PSYC 261 Research Methods or PSYC 262 Community-Based Research Methods.

**Three FOUNDATION** courses.

- a) One course that emphasizes cognition or biology, from among the following: 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- PSYC 160. Introduction to Neuroscience. ([Psychology: Biological](#))
  - PSYC 215. Medical Psychology ([Psychology: Biological](#))
  - PSYC 230. Cognitive Psychology
  - PSYC 250. Biopsychology of Motivation and Emotion. ([Psychology: Biological](#))
- b) One course that emphasizes social behavior, personality, mental health, or development, from among the following: 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- PSYC 210. Social Psychology.
  - PSYC 235. Clinical Psychology. (previously listed as Abnormal Psychology.)
  - PSYC 240. Developmental Psychology.
- c) Elective Foundations Course: A third course, which may be from among the foundation courses above or any other 200-level course, or a Short-Term course numbered s20-s29, listed in psychology or cross-listed with psychology. 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Four UPPER-LEVEL** courses. All 300-level courses, or one Short-Term course numbered s30 or higher, listed in psychology or cross-listed with psychology, with the exception of PSYC 360 (Independent Study), fulfill this requirement.

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- One of the four upper-level courses must have content related to inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility, denoted by ([Psychology: IDEA](#)). 4) \_\_\_\_\_

**One CAPSTONE** course in psychology, neuroscience, or cross-listed in neuroscience (or honors thesis).

### Additional Restrictions / Information

- One class (any level) must have content related to the brain, denoted by ([Psychology: Biological](#)).
- Only one Short Term course **total** (foundation OR upper level) may be counted toward the major.
- At least three of the four required upper-level courses must be taken at Bates.
- You may count up to a maximum of two courses taken elsewhere towards the psychology major (only one upper level); this includes AP and courses taken abroad.
- It is recommended that students take no more than *twelve* courses in the major, including the capstone.