

OVERVIEW OF PSYC CURRICULUM UPDATE

There will be an update to the curriculum (or degree requirements) for the bachelor of science in psychology starting in Fall 2019. These changes reflect efforts to improve students' ability to progress through the major and enhance the curriculum's emphasis on psychological science.

The updated degree requirements will be required for any student with a catalog year of 2019 and later. This will include any student starting at KSU in Fall 2019 or later as well as any student changing their major in Fall 2019 or later.

You can determine your catalog year in DegreeWorks.

If you have a catalog year of 2018 or prior, you are not required to follow the updated curriculum. However, **all students, regardless of their catalog year, need to understand the curriculum update** for two reasons:

- 1) Several PSYC courses are changing as part of the 2019 curriculum update. These changes will impact your course options/planning even if you remain on a catalog year of 2018 or prior.
- 2) Any student can follow the 2019 degree requirements if they choose. There are several reasons for making this choice, as discussed below. This choice requires changing your catalog year by submitting a "Change of Catalog Year" form, located under the "Forms" section on the Registrar website.

WHAT ARE THE KEY CHANGES IN THE 2019 CURRICULUM UPDATE?

(see comparison chart for a visual comparison)

PSYC 2300 & 3301 – There will no longer be a two-course sequence of PSYC 2300 *Research Methods & Statistics* and PSYC 3301 *Experimental Psychology*. These 4 credit-hour courses are being replaced by new 3-credit hour courses, PSYC 2500 *Research Methods in Psychological Science* and PSYC 3000 *Statistical Applications in Psychological Science*. This change separates the two currently sequenced courses into two new courses that can be taken in any order or at the same time.

Supporting Disciplines – The course options in this 6-hour lower division major field requirement will be expanded from 1000-2000 level courses in MATH, BIOL, CHEM, and PHYS to also include courses in IT, TCOM, ACST, and CSE.

Advanced Laboratory – There will be a new course requirement, PSYC 4100 *Advanced Laboratory in Psychological Science*. This course is taken after completing PSYC 2500 and 3000. The course focuses on advanced research and writing skills in a lab-based course and serves to replace the reduced credit hours in the Biological Bases and Learning & Cognition Areas (see below).

Developmental Area – There will no longer be a Developmental Area requirement in the upper division major field requirements. Instead, a new course, PSYC 2103 *Introduction to Human Development*, will be required in the lower division major field requirements. This will change the number of “Areas” in the upper division major field requirements from 5 to 4 (Diversity & Multicultural, Personality & Social, Biological Bases, and Learning & Cognition).

Diversity & Multicultural Area – Courses that were rarely offered or that duplicated content (PSYC 3401 and 4000) will be removed as options in this Area.

Biological Bases Area – The two courses in this Area, PSYC 4410 *Physiological Psychology* and PSYC 4415 *Perception*, will change from 4 credit-hours to 3 credit-hours. This reduction is offset by the new course requirement of PSYC 4100 *Advanced Laboratory in Psychological Science*.

Learning & Cognition Area – The two courses in this Area, PSYC 4345 *Learning & Behavior* and PSYC 4455 *Cognitive Psychology*, will change from 4 credit-hours to 3 credit-hours. This reduction is offset by the new course requirement of PSYC 4100 *Advanced Laboratory in Psychological Science*.

Capstone – There will no longer be the option of PSYC 4445 *History & Systems of Psychology* in the Capstone requirement. A new option, PSYC 4500 *Capstone Integrative Project in Psychology*, will be added. The new course emphasizes applying research methods and statistics knowledge through project-based experiences.

Free Electives – The required hours of Free Electives will be increased from 12 to 15. This change reflects a reduction in upper division major field requirements.

COMPARISON CHART

CATALOG YEARS: 2016, 2017, & 2018	CATALOG YEAR: 2019
<p>LOWER DIVISION MAJOR FIELD REQUIREMENTS 18 HOURS</p> <p>PSYC 1101 Introduction to General Psychology 3</p> <p>PSYC 2210 Careers in Psychology 3 <i>Prereq: PSYC 1101 <u>and</u> declared psychology major</i></p> <p>PSYC 2300 Research Methods and Statistics 4 <i>Prereq: ENGL 1101; MATH 1101, 1111, 1112, <u>or</u> 1113; <u>and</u> PSYC 2210 (PSYC 2210 may be taken concurrently.)</i></p> <p>Any 1000-2000 level courses in MATH, BIOL, CHEM, <u>and/or</u> PHYS 6</p> <p>Any 1000-2000 level course(s) in the university curriculum 2</p>	<p>LOWER DIVISION MAJOR FIELD REQUIREMENTS 18 HOURS</p> <p>PSYC 1101 Introduction to General Psychology 3</p> <p>PSYC 2103 Introduction to Human Development 3 <i>Prereq: PSYC 1101</i></p> <p>PSYC 2210 Careers in Psychology 3 <i>Prereq: PSYC 1101 <u>and</u> declared psychology major</i></p> <p>PSYC 2500 Research Methods in Psychological Science 3 <i>Prereq: ENGL 1101 <u>and</u> PSYC 2210 (PSYC 2210 may be taken concurrently.)</i></p> <p>Any 1000-2000 level courses in MATH, BIOL, CHEM, PHYS, IT TCOM, ACST, or CSE 6</p>
<p>UPPER DIVISION MAJOR FIELD REQUIREMENTS 36 HOURS</p> <p>• <i>Complete one course from each of the five areas and one capstone course.</i></p> <p>PSYC 3301 Experimental Design and Analysis 4 <i>Prereq: PSYC 2210 <u>and</u> PSYC 2300</i></p> <p>Developmental Area <i>Prereq: PSYC 1101</i> PSYC 3305 Life-Span Developmental Psychology 3</p> <p>Diversity and Multicultural Area <i>Prereq: PSYC 1101</i> PSYC 3355 Cross-Cultural Psychology 3 PSYC 3385 Ethnic Minority Psychology PSYC 3395 Psychology of Prejudice and Privilege PSYC 3401 Psychology of Diversity PSYC 3425 Psychology of Gender PSYC 4000 International Psychology</p> <p>Personality and Social Area <i>Prereq: PSYC 2300</i> PSYC 3325 Social Psychology 3 PSYC 3335 Theories of Personality</p> <p>Biological Bases Area <i>Prereq: PSYC 2300</i> PSYC 4410 Physiological Psychology 4 PSYC 4415 Perception</p> <p>Learning and Cognition Area <i>Prereq: PSYC 3301</i> PSYC 4345 Learning and Behavior 4 PSYC 4455 Cognitive Psychology</p> <p>Senior Capstone Experience * 3 PSYC 4445 History and Systems of Psychology PSYC 4498 Capstone Internship in Psychology PSYC 4499 Senior Seminar in Psychology <i>* Prereq: PSYC 3301; submission of an application before registration; <u>and</u> one course from each of the five areas. <u>One</u> of the five area courses may be completed concurrently.</i></p> <p>Psychology Electives 3000-4000 level courses in PSYC 12</p>	<p>UPPER DIVISION MAJOR FIELD REQUIREMENTS 33 HOURS</p> <p>• <i>Complete one course from each of the four areas and one capstone course.</i></p> <p>PSYC 3000 Statistical Applications in Psychological Science 3 <i>Prereq: ENGL 1101; MATH 1101, 1111, 1112, <u>or</u> 1113; <u>and</u> PSYC 2210 (PSYC 2210 may be taken concurrently.)</i></p> <p>PSYC 4100 Advanced Laboratory in Psychological Science 3 <i>Prereq: PSYC 2500 <u>and</u> 3000</i></p> <p>Diversity and Multicultural Area <i>Prereq: PSYC 1101</i> PSYC 3355 Cross-Cultural Psychology 3 PSYC 3385 Ethnic Minority Psychology PSYC 3395 Psychology of Prejudice and Privilege PSYC 3425 Psychology of Gender</p> <p>Personality and Social Area <i>Prereq: PSYC 2500</i> PSYC 3325 Social Psychology 3 PSYC 3335 Theories of Personality</p> <p>Biological Bases Area <i>Prereq: PSYC 2500</i> PSYC 4410 Physiological Psychology 3 PSYC 4415 Perception</p> <p>Learning and Cognition Area <i>Prereq: PSYC 2500 <u>and</u> 3000</i> PSYC 4345 Learning and Behavior 3 PSYC 4455 Cognitive Psychology</p> <p>Senior Capstone Experience * 3 PSYC 4498 Capstone Internship in Psychology PSYC 4499 Capstone Seminar in Psychology PSYC 4500 Capstone Integrative Project in Psychology <i>* Prereq: PSYC 4100; submission of an application before registration; <u>and</u> one course from each of the four areas. <u>One</u> of the four area courses may be completed concurrently.</i></p> <p>Psychology Electives 3000-4000 level courses in PSYC 12</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS 24 HOURS</p> <p>Related Studies 3000-4000 level courses outside of PSYC 12</p> <p>Free Electives Any courses in the university curriculum 12</p>	<p>ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS 27 HOURS</p> <p>Related Studies 3000-4000 level courses outside of PSYC 12</p> <p>Free Electives Any courses in the university curriculum 15</p>

IF I DO NOT CHANGE MY CATALOG YEAR TO 2019, HOW DO THE CHANGES AFFECT ME?

PSYC 2300 – If you've not yet enrolled in or completed this course, the best option is to move to the 2019 curriculum.

The only exception to this is for students who meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) are planning to take PSYC 2300 in Summer 2019,
- (2) are fully on track to graduate in Spring 2020, and
- (3) after Spring 2019 will still have to complete 2 or more of the following 3 Areas: Personality & Social, Biological Bases, and Learning & Cognition.

Students who meet all of the above criteria should not move to the 2019 curriculum and should follow their intended course plan (i.e., Summer 2019: PSYC 2300; Fall 2019: PSYC 3301, Personality & Social Area, Biological Bases Area; Spring 2020: Learning & Cognition Area, Senior Capstone Experience course).

In order to register for PSYC 2300 in Summer 2019, these students must submit an application. See the Department of Psychological Science.

For all other students who have not completed PSYC 2300 by the end of Spring 2019, failing to move to the 2019 curriculum will result in having to:

- (1) take PSYC 2500 and 3000 in place of PSYC 2300 and 3301 and request (after each is completed) that the Department substitute the courses by emailing psychadvising@kennesaw.edu,
- (2) take Biological Bases and Learning & Cognition Areas at the 3 credit-hour level, and
- (3) make up for the any reduced credit hours from these four courses to meet the graduation requirement of 123 credit hours (see an advisor).

PSYC 3301 – If you've not yet taken this course, you must take it in Summer 2019 or Fall 2019 because it will not be offered after Fall 2019.

Developmental Area – If you've not yet taken PSYC 3305, you should take it in Summer 2019. If you do not take it then, you must take PSYC 2103.

PSYC 4100 Advanced Laboratory – You are not required to take this course. However, you can choose to take the course as a Psychology Elective.

Biological Bases Area – If you've not yet taken a course in this area, you should attempt to take it in Summer 2019. If you do not, then you will take either course in this Area in their new, 3 credit-hour versions, and you must make up for the reduced credit hours to meet the graduation requirement of 123 credit hours.

Learning & Cognition Area – If you've not yet taken a course in this area, you should attempt to take it in Summer 2019. If you do not, then you will take either course in this Area in their new, 3 credit-hour versions, and you must make up for the reduced credit hours to meet graduation requirement of 123 credit hours.

Capstone – Although the new option of PSYC 4500 does not appear on your curriculum, you can choose to take it as your Capstone when it is offered. When you complete your Senior Capstone Experience Application, you will see this course as an option.

Prerequisites – Courses that previously had prerequisites of PSYC 2300 will now require PSYC 2500, and those that required PSYC 3301 will now require PSYC 2500 and 3000. This affects courses in the Personality & Social Area, the Biological Bases Area, the Learning & Cognition Area, the Senior Capstone Experience, and some PSYC electives (PSYC 3398, 3380, 4400). If you completed the previous prerequisites of PSYC 2300 and/or 3301, these courses will still satisfy the corresponding prerequisites. If you encounter problems during registration related to these prerequisites, contact the Department through psychadvising@kennesaw.edu.