

## **Introduction:**

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Psychology is defined as the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. With such a broad and all-encompassing definition, just about any human activity or endeavor can be considered a legitimate area of investigation for psychological research. Major research areas include developmental psychology, cognitive psychology and personality.

UW-Richland's psychology/social science curriculum provides you with basic skills and knowledge to help you enroll in a bachelor's degree program upon transfer, succeed in a variety of professions, and compete successfully in the evolving global environment. The course of study will lead you to a fundamental understanding of the general factors which influence human and animal behavior, the value of scientific study of behavior, applying psychological principles to help people solve everyday problems, and preparation for para-professional or professional occupations. The psychology curriculum, when combined with UW-Richland's strong liberal arts program, will provide you with the essentials of the first two years of a psychology/social science education for the 21st century.

## **Career Opportunities:**

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One may enter a variety of careers from the field of psychology. According to a recent survey from the American Psychological Association, the major professional specialties in psychology include clinical and counseling psychology (diagnosing and treating individuals with psychological disorders), industrial and organizational psychology (helping to make personnel decisions and improving employee morale and job satisfaction) and educational and school psychology (involving testing and counseling of students and improving curriculum design).

## **Websites you may want to visit:**

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Wisconsin School Psychologists Association  
American Psychological Association  
National Association of School Psychologists

[www.wspaonline.net](http://www.wspaonline.net)  
[www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)  
[www.naspweb.org](http://www.naspweb.org)

## Suggested course of study for a psychology major:

University of Wisconsin-Richland can offer you the freshman/sophomore curriculum needed to begin a psychology major. The four-semester program outlined below is to be used as a guide. Additional information and transfer planning sheets for specific majors and universities are available in the Student Services Office. UW-Richland offers the freshman/sophomore curriculum appropriate to a psychology major and includes required general education and pre-business courses. Consult your *academic advisor* for individualized program planning assistance.

### First Year

#### Semester 1

English*	3 credits
Math 110, College Algebra*	3 credits
Psychology 202	3 credits
Natural Science	4-5 credits
Elective	1 credit

#### Semester II

English*	3 credits
Fine Arts	3 credits
Natural Science	4-5 credits
Psychology 309	3 credits
Elective	1 credit

### Second Year

#### Semester III

Psychology 250	3 credits
Psychology 210 or Math 117	3 credits
Humanities	3 credits
Sociology 234	3 credits
Elective or English 203	1-3 credits

#### Semester IV

Com103 Public Speaking	3 credits
Humanities/Fine Arts	3 credits
Interdisciplinary	3 credits
Psychology 307	3 credits
Elective	1-3 credits
Ped 127 Fitness for Life	2 credits

Placement in English and mathematics will be determined on the basis of placement tests; see \*. Successful completion of the schedule outlined above, with the addition of an interdisciplinary course, will satisfy the requirements for an Associate of Arts & Science degree.

Other courses you may want to consider, if your program permits, include Sociology 231 Crime/Criminal Justice and Psychology 203 Individuals & Institutions (internship opportunities).

Explore career possibilities by visiting The Resource Center, located in the Student Services area of Melvill Hall. There you'll find career information, self-assessment videos and career assessment testing. Interactive computer programs are available to help you identify your work-related interests, skills and values. Knowing these characteristics can help you discover compatible occupations. The programs also provide information about educational requirements, potential salary, and employment outlooks for occupations in Wisconsin and nationwide.

For more information on majors in the UW System, go to: [uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/majormania](http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/majormania).

For more information or assistance, contact:

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