

## Program Pathway – *Bachelor of Science Psychology*

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. Highlighted courses have been identified as "key courses." It is strongly advised that students make every effort to pass these courses on the first attempt with a "C" or higher in order to be successful in this program. The milestones listed below each year are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. Missing milestones could prevent you from being eligible for a particular program or could result in a delay in graduation. The Program Pathway serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term.

| <b>First Year – Term 1</b> |  |                |  |
|----------------------------|--|----------------|--|
| <b>Course Number</b>       | <b>Course Title</b>                      | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Pre-requisites</b>                  |
| ENGL 1101*                 | English Composition I                    | 3              | Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores      |
| MATH 1101 or<br>MATH 1111  | Mathematical Modeling<br>College Algebra | 3              | Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores      |
| COMM 1110                  | Fundamentals of Speech                   | 3              | Co-requisite ENGL 0999, unless exempt. |
| PRSP 1010*                 | Perspective Elective                     | 1              | Varies by Course Selected              |
| POLS 1101                  | American Government                      | 3              | ENGL 0999, unless exempt.              |
| PSYC 1101*                 | Introduction to Psychology               | 3              | ENGL 0999, unless exempt.              |
| <b>Semester Total</b>      |  | <b>16</b>      |  |

| <b>First Year – Term 2</b>                  |  |                |                           |
|---|--|----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Course Number</b>                        | <b>Course Title</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Pre-requisites</b>     |
| ENGL 1102*                                  | English Composition II   | 3              | ENGL 1101 ('C' or higher) |
| Science, Math,<br>or Technology<br>Elective | BIOL 1105K or MATH 1401 recommended                                  | 3 or 4         | Varies by Course Selected |
| Social Sciences<br>Elective                 | See DegreeWorks for an approved list                                 | 3              | Varies by Course Selected |
| PSYC 2103*                                  | Human Development  | 3              | PSYC 1101 ('C' or higher) |
| HIST 2111 or<br>HIST 2112                   | United States History to 1877 or<br>United States History since 1877 | 3              | ENGL 0999, unless exempt. |
| <b>Semester Total</b>                       |  | <b>15-16</b>   |                           |

| <b>First Year Milestones</b>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete ENGL 1101 &amp; ENGL 1102 with a C or better</li> <li>• Complete Area A Math</li> <li>• Complete PSYC 1101 with a C or better, along with PSYC 2103</li> <li>• Join the Psychology Club</li> <li>• Meet with your advisor</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Second Year – Term 1</b>                       |  |                |  |
|---|--|----------------|--|
| <b>Course Number</b>                              | <b>Course Title</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Pre-requisites</b>                    |
| ENGL 2xxx   | Literature Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list                     | 3              | Co-req w/ ENGL 1102*                     |
| Lab Science                                       | BIOL 1107K recommended   | 4              | Varies by Course Selected                |
| PSYC 2000*  | Careers in Psychology  | 3              | PSYC 1101 & ('C' or higher) & ENGL 1101* |
| Area F Elective                                   | Major Related Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list                  | 3              | Varies by Course Selected                |
| PSYC 2010* or Psychology Concentration Elective*+ | Psychological Studies or PSYC 2000/3000 – See DegreeWorks for an approved list | 3              | PSYC 1101 ('C' or higher) & ENGL 1102*   |
| <b>Semester Total</b>                             |  | <b>16</b>      |  |

| <b>Second Year – Term 2</b>                       |  |                |  |
|---|--|----------------|--|
| <b>Course Number</b>                              | <b>Course Title</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Pre-requisites</b>                  |
| Humanities/Fine Arts elective                     | Literature or Fine Arts Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list        | 3              | Varies by Course Selected              |
| Lab Science                                       | BIOL 1108K recommended   | 4              | Varies by Course Selected              |
| Area F Elective*                                  | Major Related Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list                  | 3              | Varies by Course Selected              |
| PSYC 2010* or Psychology Concentration Elective*+ | Psychological Studies or PSYC 2000/3000 – See DegreeWorks for an approved list | 3              | PSYC 1101 ('C' or higher) & ENGL 1102* |
| COMM/ENGL 3000/4000 Elective                      | COMM/ENGL 3000/4000 Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list            | 3              | Varies by Course Selected              |
| <b>Semester Total</b>                             |  | <b>16</b>      |  |

### **Second Year Milestones**

- Meet with your advisor
- Complete PSYC 2010 with a C or better. PSYC 3150 should be taken in the following semester.
- If planning to pursue graduate studies after graduation, explore fields of study and graduate programs.
- If planning to enter the job market after graduation, begin exploring career options by discussing your options with your faculty advisor, your instructors, or a DSC career counselor. Also, consider job shadowing or interviewing professionals in the fields you are most interested.
- Attend the Career Fair and/or Graduate School Fair.
- Create a resume.

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| <b>Third Year – Term 1</b>          |   |                |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------------|---|
| <b>Course Number</b>                | <b>Course Title</b>                                   | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Pre-requisites</b>                                 |
| PSYC 3150*                          | Research and Design Analysis I                        | 3              | PSYC 2010 ('C' or higher)                             |
| PSYC 3200*                          | Abnormal Psychology                                   | 3              | PSYC 1101 ('C' or higher) & ENGL 1102 ('C' or higher) |
| PSYC 3500*                          | Personality   | 3              | PSYC 2010 ('C' or higher) & PSYC 2103 ('C' or higher) |
| Psychology Concentration Elective*+ | PSYC 3000/4000 – See DegreeWorks for an approved list | 3              | Varies by Course Selected                             |
| Guided Elective+                    | 2000/3000/4000 – See DegreeWorks for an approved list | 3              | Varies by Course Selected                             |
| <b>Semester Total</b>               |   | <b>15</b>      |   |

| <b>Third Year – Term 2</b>          |  |                |   |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|---|
| <b>Course Number</b>                | <b>Course Title</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Pre-requisites</b>                                 |
| PSYC 3160*                          | Research and Design Analysis II                                | 3              | PSYC 3150 ('C' or higher)                             |
| PSYC 3325*                          | Social Psychology  | 3              | PSYC 1101 ('C' or higher) & ENGL 1102*                |
| PSYC 3940*                          | Learning and Behavior  | 3              | PSYC 2010 ('C' or higher) & PSYC 2103 ('C' or higher) |
| Psychology Concentration Elective+* | PSYC 3000/4000 Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list | 3              | Varies by Course Selected                             |
| Area E Elective                     | Social Science Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list | 3              | Varies by Course Selected                             |
| <b>Semester Total</b>               |  | <b>15</b>      |   |

| <b>Third Year Milestones</b>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with your advisor</li> <li>• Discuss Psychology Internships with your advisor and/or the Department Chair.</li> <li>• If planning to pursue graduate studies, narrow your choices for graduate programs. In addition, begin reviewing application requirements and timelines for application, scholarships/assistantships, financial aid, and housing. Also, schedule and prepare for your Graduate Admissions Exam – GRE (Most Graduate Programs), MCAT (Medical School), or LSAT (Law School) exam.</li> <li>• Attend the Graduate School Fair and/or the Career Fair.</li> </ul> |

**Notes:**

+ Psychology Concentration Electives and Guided Electives should be selected based upon future educational and/or career plans. For this reason, these courses should be selected in conjunction with your faculty advisor. Also, Guided Electives can be used toward a minor.

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| Fourth Year – Term 1               |   |           |   |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------|---|
| Course Number                      | Course Title  | Credits   | Pre-requisites  |
| PSYC 3950*                         | Cognitive Psychology                                  | 3         | PSYC 2010 ('C' or higher) & PSYC 2103 ('C' or higher) |
| PSYC 4600*                         | Brain and Behavior                                    | 3         | PSYC 3150 ('C' or higher)                             |
| Psychology Concentration Elective+ | PSYC 3000/4000 – See DegreeWorks for an approved list | 3         | Varies by Course Selected                             |
| Guided Elective+                   | 2000/3000/4000 – See DegreeWorks for an approved list | 3         | Varies by Course Selected                             |
| Guided Elective+                   | 2000/3000/4000 – See DegreeWorks for an approved list | 3         | Varies by Course Selected                             |
| <b>Semester Total</b>              |   | <b>15</b> |   |

| Fourth Year – Term 2  |  |           |                                      |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Course Number         | Course Title   | Credits   | Pre-requisites                       |
| PSYC 4250*            | Sensation and Perception                                       | 3         | PSYC 3150 ('C' or higher)            |
| PSYC 4825*            | History & Systems in Psychology                                | 3         | PSYC 3160 ('C' or higher)            |
| PSYC 4900*            | Senior Capstone Seminar  | 3         | Senior status as a Psychology major. |
| Guided Elective+*     | 2000/3000/4000 Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list | 3         | Varies by Course Selected            |
| <b>Semester Total</b> |  | <b>12</b> |                                      |

| Fourth Year Milestones  |
|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with your advisor</li> <li>• Submit Graduation Application to Office of Enrollment Services in term prior to expected graduation</li> <li>• Discuss Psychology Internships with your advisor and/or the Department Chair.</li> <li>• If planning to pursue graduate studies, you should submit applications and supporting materials by advertised due dates. For most programs, these dates will be late spring or early fall prior to the term of entrance.</li> <li>• If planning to enter the job market after graduation, update your resume, practice mock interviews, and attend the Career Fair.</li> </ul> |

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