B.A. in Psychology Advisement Worksheet

(for students beginning at Hofstra in Fall 2013 or later)

Student's Name:	Antio	cipated Graduation Date:

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Psychology Major Requirement Overview

GETTING STARTED

o **Introduction to Psychology (PSY 1: 3 or 4 credits):** This is the first course most psych majors take. Some will earn credit through AP courses or transfer credits. There are no pre-requisites.

THE RESEARCH SEQUENCE

- Statistics (PSY 40: 4 credits): Psychology has its own type of math, and it's a good idea to take this course relatively early so that it doesn't hold you back from completing other requirements. There are two pre-reqs to complete first PSY 1 and one of these Math courses (Math 8, 40, 45, 50, 61, 61A, 71, or 72, or BAN 001). You must complete this course to be able to register for Research Methods.
- Research Methods & Design (PSY 141: 4 credits): Building on what you'll learn in Statistics, this course will introduce you to the methods and tools psychologists use to conduct and interpret our research. The pre-req is PSY 40, and you'll need to complete this course to be able to register for a Research Seminar. For those students taking the course during the semester, the course is Writing Intensive (WI) and requires WSC 002 as an additional prerequisite.
- o Research Seminars (PSY 190/192/194/196/197/198/199: 4 credits): Think of these courses as advanced research methods in a specific field of psychology. Building on what you've learned in Statistics, Research Methods, and your electives, this course is the final piece of your research methods training and a good preview of graduate school. The pre-reqs you must complete before this course include PSY 141 and the specific electives required for the particular Research Seminar (on reverse). The tricky part is that some of the Research Seminars are only offered once per year, the classes are capped at 18 students, and the longer class times can be difficult to schedule. It's to your benefit to complete the pre-reqs for multiple seminars so that you have options. It is NOT possible to take 141 or another pre-req and a seminar at the same time, so do plan ahead to avoid delaying your graduation.

PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES

- O The Essentials (course options listed on reverse: 3 credits each): You must complete 4 courses from The Essentials, which represent the fundamental areas of psychological science. You can choose any four classes you wish, so long as you take at least one class from each of the 3 categories. Keep in mind that many of these courses are not offered every semester, and very few are offered in the summer. The only pre-req for these courses is PSY 1, but these classes tend to be more rigorous than Specialty/Applied Electives. It is a good idea to spread these courses across a few semesters and avoid trying to take them all at once. Be sure to select Essentials that are pre-regs for the Research Seminars you'd like to take.
- Specialty/Applied Electives (course options listed on reverse: 3 credits each): You also get to choose 2 Specialty/Applied Electives, which represent more narrowly focused or applied fields of psychology compared to the Essentials. Some of these courses fulfill BH requirements. You can substitute additional Essentials (beyond the 4 required) for Specialty/Applied Electives if you prefer. It is also possible to earn these credits by completing an Independent Study, Honors Thesis, Research Experience course, or an Internship (arranged on a case-by-case basis).

	CREDITS	COURSE SELECTIONS	PRE-REQUISITES	
Intro	3 or 4	PSY 1 (Intro to Psych)	None	
The Research Sequence	4	PSY 40 (Statistics)	PSY 1 + Math 8 or 40 or 45 or 50 or 61 or 61A or 71or 72 or BAN 1	
	4	PSY 141 (Research Methods & Design)	PSY 40 and WSC 002	
		PSY 19X (Research Methods Seminars)	PSY 141 for ALL sections +	
	4	PSY 190: Cognitive Psych	PSY 164 or 166	
	(choose 1	PSY 192: Animal Learning and Cognition	PSY 110 or 61	
	section based	PSY 194: Neuroscience	PSY 166 or 170 or 177	
	on interest &	PSY 196: Developmental Psych	PSY 153	
	pre-reqs)	PSY 197: Industrial/Organizational	PSY 33 or 34 or 159	
		PSY 198: Social Psych	PSY 159	
		PSY 199: Clinical Psych	PSY 139	
		Biopsychological:		
		PSY 166 Sensation & Perception	PSY 1	
		PSY 170 Clinical Neuropsychology		
<u> </u>		PSY 177 Behavioral Neuroscience		
ia	12	Learning/Cognitive/History:		
ınt	(4 courses; at	PSY 110 Principles of Learning & Behavior	PSY 1	
SSE	least 1 course	,		
Ĕ	from EACH	PSY 164 Cognition		
The Essentials	category)	PSY 171 History of Psychology		
T		Developmental/Social/Clinical:	DCV 1	
		PSY 139 Abnormal Psychology	PSY 1	
		PSY 153 Child Development		
		PSY 159 Social Psychology		
Specialty / Applied Electives	At least 6 (can substitute additional "Essentials," an internship, research experience, or an independent study)	PSY 11 Behavior Modification PSY 12 Psychology and the Law PSY 14F/S First-Year Seminars in Psych (BH) PSY 25 Psychology of Prejudice (BH) PSY 27 Positive Psychology (BH) PSY 33 Industrial Psychology PSY 34 Organizational Psychology PSY 35 Psychology of Personality PSY 54 Adolescent Psychology PSY 57 Clinical, Counseling, & Community Psychology PSY 61 Comparative Psychology (BH) offered summer only PSY 63 Psychology of Aging PSY 70 Evolutionary Psychology PSY 78 Psychological Testing PSY 87 Sports Psychology PSY 85 Psychology of Human Sexual Behavior PSY 89 Health Psychology & Behavioral Medicine PSY 95 Research Experience in Psychology* PSY 151 Independent Study* or Honors Thesis PSY 100*	* only one of these courses (total of 3 credits) will count toward the 33 minimum credits for the major	
		PSY 151 Independent Study*, or Honors Thesis PSY 100* Minimum = 33 Credits Maximum = 45 Credits in PSY incl.	uding major courses distribution	
Total Credits in Psychology		<u>Minimum</u> = 33 Credits. <u>Maximum</u> = 45 Credits in PSY including major courses, distribution courses, and courses transferred in. Beyond that, the credits will not count and more than 124 credits will be needed to graduate. The only exception is that 3 additional credits can count if they are used		
		to complete an Honors Thesis (this exception requires a petition).		
		For transfer students, at least 15 credits toward the major must be taken at Hofstra		
PL	ease Note:	PSY 7 Fundamentals of Psychology (BH) counts for distribution credit but DOES NOT COUNT		
		toward fulfilling any of the requirements for the major or the minor.		
		Courses from The Essentials and the Specialty/Applied Electives CAN be taken concurrently with		
		Statistics and Research Methods, but keep in mind that these courses are demanding. Please consult		
		with a faculty advisor or the Director of undergraduate studies if	you have questions.	