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Three Big Things:
- Undergraduate Research
- Internships
- Undergraduate Advising Center

Psychology is a multi-dimensional discipline. It is the scientific study of human behavior and also a profession that provides mental health services. Undergraduates majoring in psychology at Eastern Washington University study both dimensions.

Career Opportunities
Psychologists differ widely in what they do because the field encompasses a broad range of human activities. Many graduating psychology majors will continue their educations in order to prepare for careers as mental health professionals, but most will seek employment based on the knowledge and skills they acquired during their undergraduate years. College graduates with a psychology major can expect to qualify for diverse positions in business, industry, non-profits and government.

Curriculum
The curriculum for psychology majors is designed to provide students with a foundation for the science and profession while providing choices so that students can pursue their specific interests within the discipline. The curriculum objectives are based on recommendations of the American Psychological Association – specifically, to provide core knowledge and principles, to promote professional growth, to stimulate critical and creative thinking; and to encourage the development of effective communication skills, both written and oral.

- Majors must complete 70 credit hours of study in psychology -- 20 hours of required courses, 47 credit hours of elective courses, and a minimum of 3 credit hours of focused experience.

Required Courses
- Introductory Psychology
- Scientific Principles
- Statistics
- Research Methods
- Electives
- Theories of Personality
- Abnormal Psychology
- Foundations of Psychotherapy
- Conditioning and Learning
- Human Memory and Cognition
- Social Psychology
- Biological Basis of Behavior
- Positive Psychology
- Clinical Assessment
- Human Psychophysiology

Child Psychopathology
Health Psychology
Drugs and Behavior
Psychology of Women
Human Sexuality
Stress and Coping
Trauma
Traditions of Psychology
Focus Experiences
Internship
Directed Study
Seminars

Undergraduate Advising Center
The department supports its undergraduate majors through a “one-stop” Advising Center. Students may gather important career and graduate school information at the Center as well as receive “critical moment” advising on scheduling, course enrollment, and academic planning. Individualized advising is also available from department faculty who are experts in their fields of study and the department chair.

Focused Experience
A long-standing tradition in the Department of Psychology is to provide our majors with up-close, hands-on focused experiences such as research activity. Some majors volunteer to participate as
apprentice research assistants in our laboratories whereas others choose to participate as interns in the community at large, e.g., at a provider of mental health services. Some majors prefer to concentrate their focused experience in one area – e.g., research activity, whereas others prefer to acquire experience in several different activities.

**Preparation for College**
Completion of a high school diploma (or equivalent) degree is required for admission to EWU. Students considering a major in Psychology are encouraged to take four years of mathematics, two years of a foreign language and also have good oral and written communication skills. Students transferring from a junior college are encouraged to complete the Associate of Arts degree.

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http://www.ewu.edu/CSBSSW/Programs/Psychology.xml

**The University**
Eastern Washington University is a student-centered, regionally based, comprehensive university. Its campus is located in Cheney within the Spokane metropolitan area, with additional learning centers in the region and elsewhere in Washington State. With more than 100 fields of study, nine master's degrees, four graduate certificates, 76 graduate programs and a physical therapy doctoral program, its mission is to prepare broadly educated, technologically proficient, and highly productive citizens to attain meaningful careers, to enjoy enriched lives, and to make contributions to a culturally diverse society.

Our mission to be a student-centered, regionally engaged university will be fulfilled best through a distinguished EWU academic experience that is integrated and interdependent. This vision informs and inspires our future.

**Note:** Information in this guide is subject to change without notice. To learn more about the official program of study for Psychology please check the catalog online at:
http://www.ewu.edu/Academic/catalog.xml