

## Course Recommendations for Psychology Majors for Junior Year

### Courses we recommend you complete by the end of your junior year

- Any courses we recommended for your freshman and sophomore year which you were unable to take (see those documents for recommendations). \*Please especially make sure your General Education classes are finished and you have taken Psy 201, 202, and 3 core Psy classes.
- If you have not already taken any of the following courses, try to take them during your Junior year:
  - Psychology lab in the area of Psychology you found most interesting: Behavioral Neuroscience (Psy 390), Cognition and Perception (Psy 394), or Social (Psy 392)
  - Psychology electives (you will need to take 4 psychology elective classes)
  - Courses for what you want your minor to be (most minors require 6 classes total)
- If you are able to given time and completion of various pre-requisites, obtain unique experiences this year (e.g., research assistantships within the psychology department during the school year, research experiences or internships during the summer or during breaks) or apply to do so for next year.
- Please make sure to pay attention to taking courses at the 300 or 400 level this year. You will need to have 40 credits of courses at the 300 – 500 level before you graduate. (This is typically done by taking 14 3-credit hour classes at the 300 – 500 level.)
- If you have completed all of your General Education requirements, are well on your way to completing your Psychology degree and minor, and have room in your schedule; feel free to take elective courses outside of the Psychology department, your minor requirements, and General Education classes. For instance, if you are interested in Criminal Justice or Social Work, you could take a class in either of those departments.

\*If you are wanting to go into a Health Profession, we recommend you continue to consult with the Health Professions Advising Office (<http://healthprofessions.olemiss.edu/>) and meet with them to verify you are on track for your chosen health profession.

### General Recommendations

- Aim to always take 30 credits per year so that you will be able to graduate in 4 years. This normally means taking approximately 15 credits (5 classes) per semester but you can also meet this goal by taking intersession and/or summer classes. Full time students must take at least 12 credits per semester. (MS students receiving MS financial aid must take 15 hours.) We always recommend enrolling in 15 credits so that if you need to drop a course, you will still be a full-time student.
- By the end of your senior year you will need to satisfy all of the following requirements:
  - All General Education requirements
  - All Psychology Major requirements with an overall GPA of 2.0
  - All requirements for your minor
  - At least 40 hours of courses at the 300 or 400 level. (This is typically done by taking 14 3-credit hour classes at the 300 – 500 level.)
  - Have earned an overall GPA of 2.0
- Consult the psychology department advising website to explore recommendations for juniors regarding preparing for careers or graduate school.