

**Department of Psychology**  
**Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**  
*For First-year and Transfer Students entering Fall 2017 and later*

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FACULTY ADVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>REQUIRED COURSES</b>			
Course	Prerequisites	Credit	Semester completed
<b>FOUNDATION COURSES (4 credits)</b>			
PSYC100 Introduction to Psychology <sup>note 1</sup>	None	3	
PSYC101 Introductory Seminar in Psychology	PSYC major	1	
<b>RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (8 credits)</b>			
PSYC290 Psychological Research & Statistics I	PSYC100 and Tier I Quant. Reasoning	4	
PSYC291 Psychological Research & Statistics II	C or better in PSYC 290	4	
<b>PRIMARY CONTENT DOMAINS (12 credits)</b>			
<b>CHOOSE FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING SIX (AT LEAST TWO MUST BE 300-LEVEL)</b>			
PSYC208 or PSYC210 Developmental Psychology	PSYC100, SOCI100 or a 100-level S&S course	3	
PSYC230 Social Psychology <sup>note 1</sup>	PSYC100, SOCI100 or a 100-level S&S course	3	
PSYC270 Abnormal Psychology	PSYC100 or a 100-level S&S course	3	
PSYC310 Cognitive Psychology	PSYC 291	3	
PSYC316 Behavior Analysis	PSYC 100	3	
PSYC331 Biological Psychology	PSYC 291	3	
<b>ADVANCED RESEARCH AND METHODS (4 credits)</b>			
<b>CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE</b>			
PSYC360 Measurement and Assessment	PSYC 291	4	
PSYC390 Research Design and Analysis	PSYC 291	4	
PSYC397 Research Seminar	instructor approval	4	
<b>UPPER LEVEL ELECTIVES (6 credits)</b>			
<b>CHOOSE TWO COURSES (must be 300 level or higher)<sup>note2</sup></b>			
PSYC	(varies)	3	
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<b>PSYC CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE (4 credits)</b>			
PSYC301 Psychology Professional Seminar	PSYC101, JR status, PSYC major	1	
<b>CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE</b>			
PSYC410 History of Psychology	PSYC 291 & completion of 9 upper-level PSYC credits	3	
PSYC499 Advanced Seminar in Psychology		3	
PSYC550 Senior Thesis <sup>note 3</sup>	SR PSYC major & department approval	3	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR:</b>		<b>38</b>	

<http://mcla.edu/Academics/undergraduate/psychology/majorandminor/index>

## MCLA CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

TIER I	Course		Semester	
Critical reading, thinking, writing (CWA, 3 cr)	ENGL 150			
Quantitative reasoning (CMA, 3 cr)	MATH232 preferred			
Language Arts/Foreign Language <sup>note 4</sup> (CLA, 3 cr) ( <i>competency at the 102 level</i> )				
TIER II	Course 1	Semester	Course 2	Semester
Creative Arts, must take two courses (CCA, 6 cr)				
Human Heritage, must take two courses (CHH, 6 cr)				
Self and Society <sup>note 1</sup> must take two courses (CSS, 6 cr)				
Science & Technology, must take two courses, one of which is a 4-credit lab course (CSTL, CST, 7-8 cr)				
TIER III	Course		Semester	
Core Capstone (CAP, 3 cr) <i>Mass Transfer Block students are NOT exempt from this requirement</i>				

psychology faculty, is required prior to enrollment in the thesis course. See your advisor for further information.

UPPER-LEVEL (300-LEVEL OR ABOVE) Course Requirements	Credits	Complete?
Tier III Core Capstone	3	
PSYC 360, 390, or 397	4	
Primary Content Domain (300 level) 2 courses	3	
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Psychology upper-level electives, 2 courses	3	
	3	
PSYC 301	1	
Psych Capstone Experience	3	
Upper-level elective	3	
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<b>TOTAL (must be at least 39 upper-level credits)</b>	<b>41</b>	

PHYSICAL ED. (2 cr)	Credits	Complete?
PHED		
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<i>MCLA athletes can apply for one physical education credit for each season a student participates in a varsity sport (maximum of two credits). Mass Transfer Block students are NOT exempt from this requirement.</i>		

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	Complete?
Completion of 120 credits (no more than 5 PHED activity credits)	
At least 45 credits completed through MCLA	
At least 39 upper-division credits (300-500 level)	
Final 15 credits of course work completed through MCLA	
Overall MCLA GPA at least 2.00	
Physical Education – 2 credits	
Completion of Core Curriculum	
Completion of Major Requirements	
Major GPA at least 2.00	
At least one-half of major credits through MCLA	
Completion of requirements for second major, minor and/or teacher licensure (if applicable)	

### NOTES FOR PSYCHOLOGY AND CORE REQUIREMENTS:

<sup>note 1</sup> **Psychology courses carrying core Self & Society credit** (PSYC100 and PSYC230) may **not** be used to meet both Department and Core requirements.

<sup>note 2</sup> **Upper division psychology elective courses** are listed in the current college catalog, along with their specific prerequisites. Students may use only one *Directed Study* psychology course (PSYC391, PSYC470, PSYC496, PSYC500) to fulfill the upper level psychology elective requirement in the major. Additional *Directed Study* courses may be used as electives toward general graduation requirements.

<sup>note 3</sup> **Registration for PSYC550**, Senior Thesis, is by special arrangement with a faculty member. It requires completion of a formal thesis on a significant topic in psychology. Intended for senior psychology majors, a literature review and proposal, along with approval of two members of the

<sup>note 4</sup> **Tier I Language Requirement** Students are waived from this requirement if they have completed a level 4 course of the same language in high school or if they pass MCLA's placement test with a proficiency at the 102 level or higher