Bachelor of Arts

Psychology

Online Program

Program Overview

This 45-credit major is intended to prepare students for graduate school and/or careers that would combine a background in psychology with work in fields such as social work, family studies, business, forensics, primate behavior, and other fields for which training in behavioral science would be useful. Students in the 45-credit major are required to complete either a minor or a double major. To apply for the program, please complete the online application, which may be accessed via this link: http://www.cwu.edu/psychology/online-application-form-45-credit. This program is not currently available to Ellensburg students.

Program Requirements

I. Prerequisites
Prior to gaining entrance to the Psychology major, one must earn a C (2.0) or higher in Psychology 101. The student must also have earned a 2.25 or higher cumulative GPA. Additionally, a math course in finite mathematics, statistics, or pre-calculus as well as an Introduction to Biology or Anatomy class are highly recommended elements of a general education program likely to support the student's success in the major. To check if a course taken outside of the university will fulfill one of these classes, please check your previous institution's course equivalencies here: http://www.cwu.edu/registrar/transfer-equivalencies-policies.

II. Required Courses

PSY 101 - General Psychology ........................................... 5
PSY 200 - Introduction to the Major ................................ 1
PSY 300 - Research Methods in Psychology .................... 4
PSY 301 - Learning (5)
PSY 303 - Analysis of Everyday Behavior (4)
PSY 302 - Introductory Statistics .................................... 5
PSY 362 - Introductory Statistics .................................... 5
PSY 389 - Senior Assessment ......................................... 2

III. Select at least one course from each of the following groups:

Group I ................................................................. 4-5
   PSY 301 - Learning (5)
   PSY 303 - Analysis of Everyday Behavior (4)

Group II .............................................................. 4
   PSY 310 - Multicultural Issues in Psychology (4)
   PSY 346 - Social Psychology (4)
   PSY 313 - Developmental Psychology (4)

Group III ............................................................. 4-5
   PSY 453 - Theories of Personality (5)
   PSY 445 - Clinical, Counseling, and Community Psychology (5)
   PSY 449 - Abnormal Psychology (4)

Group IV ............................................................. 4-5
   PSY 420 - Psychology of Language (4)
   PSY 460 - Cognitive Psychology (5)
Online Admissions Process

I. Apply to CWU

Apply for admission to Central Washington University online at http://www.cwu.edu/admissions/online-admissions

- If you meet CWU's general education requirements through a community college direct transfer agreement (DTA), bachelor's degree, or equivalent from any state accredited college or university please submit official electronic or hard copy transcripts from any colleges or universities you have attended to Admissions.

II. Apply to the major

Once admitted and fully matriculated to the university, you may apply to the online major by completing the online form located on the web: http://www.cwu.edu/psychology/online-application-form-45-credit. Applicants will typically receive a response within 3-5 business days. Applications are reviewed through the last full days of classes for admission in the subsequent quarter.

Graduation Requirements

Students are encouraged to complete PSY 200 during their first quarter of the program. This class will acclimate the student to the program and familiarize him or her to the profession. Note: In order to graduate from the program, one must have a within-major of 2.5 GPA or above. Graduating senior psychology majors are required to complete the department's end-of-major assessment examinations. Also, each student must participate in 10 hours of service learning (or working as a research assistant) prior to completion of PSY 489, which should be completed in the student’s final quarter in the program. Finally, note that all Psychology majors must submit a final electronic portfolio in PSY 489. You can learn more about the portfolio in PSY 200 and by talking with your advisor. Students are encouraged to retain electronic copies of all major assignments while working their way through the program to include in this portfolio.

A minimum of 180 quarter credits is required, including no more than 135 transfer credits. A minimum of 60 credits of upper division study is required (300-400 level). The general education program must be completed as defined in the University catalog. For a list of CWU General Education Requirements view http://www.cwu.edu/~acadadv/BasicBreadth.php. Students holding the appropriate academic transfer associate degree will have met the general education program requirements. To find a list of transfer course equivalencies see http://www.cwu.edu/registrar/transfer-equivalencies-policies

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete two years of a foreign language in high school or one year in college by the time they graduate.

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