Old vs. New General Education

If you entered KU before Fall 2011 you are under the old General Education program (without competencies). If you entered KU in Fall 2011 or later, or changed majors in Fall 2011 or later, you are in the new General Education program (with competencies). Exception: Until Fall 2014, students who earned 30 or more credits prior to entering KU are eligible to be grandfathered into the old General Education program. So, most transfer students with 30 or more credits should still be under the old General Education. The MyKU degree audit will show which General education program you are following. If you have been granted a waiver to be grandfathered, there will be a notation in your degree audit. If you think you should have a waiver but do not see one there, contact your advisor or the department secretary.

Psychology Tracks

There are four tracks to choose from but in each case your major IS Psychology. There is a common core across tracks so tracks primarily differ in electives. The electives give you a better sense of what that area of specialization is like. Each and every track, however, prepares you for any bachelor’s level career or graduate study program that recruits psychology majors. That means, for example, that a Psych major in the I/O track can apply to graduate school in clinical-counseling and vice versa.

WORD OF WARNING: If you switch tracks then you are automatically moved to the new General Education program because the most current version of the major includes the new Gen Ed. If you were in old Gen Ed and want to switch tracks, on the change of major form you must request to remain in the old Gen Ed.

Check Sheets (Grid Sheets)

Be sure you have the correct check sheet for your track and year of entry into the program. The Psychology Department secretary, Ms. Christy Derr, can help you confirm that you have the correct sheet.

Keep your check sheet up to date. Enter classes as you take them. Review your check sheet prior to your advising session and bring it with you. Your advisor will expect you to be prepared and to have a sense of what you need to take.
Course Enrollment and Graduation Policies

- A 2.0 overall GPA and a 2.0 Psych GPA are required for graduation.
- Only PSY 011, 200, and 270 require a C or better to graduate.
- The minimum number of PSY credits required is 42 (39 for Paralegal); at least half (21) of PSY credits must be completed at KU.
- The maximum number of PSY credits that count toward graduation is 51.
- You can receive credit toward graduation for only two out of these three courses: PSY 110, 120, 125. Do not take more than two of these!
- Students cannot earn credit for both SOC 201 and PSY/SOC/POL 200. SOC 201 cannot be substituted for PSY 200.
- Internship/practicum courses require a 2.5 or higher GPA and completion of at least 12 credits of PSY along with other prerequisites.
- 4xx courses are combined graduate/undergraduate level courses and only students with junior standing and a 2.9 or higher GPA can enroll. 5xx courses are only for graduate students.
- Graduation requires a minimum of 120 total credits. At the beginning of the semester you must apply to graduate with the Registrar through an online form in MyKU. If you do not graduate as anticipated, you must reapply.
- Modern language, especially Spanish, is recommended but not required.
- A maximum of 90 credits can transfer to KU; you must complete at least 30 of your last 45 credits at KU.
- All majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences must complete a senior comprehensive evaluation to graduate.
- See suggested course sequence for Psychology majors (last page on handout).

Senior Comps Graduation Requirement

Senior Comps in Psychology is a Career Portfolio and this must be completed successfully to graduate. The portfolio is submitted in PSY 380 Senior Seminar. Completion of at least 90 credits is required to enroll in PSY 380 Senior Seminar. For portfolio requirements see http://www.kutztown.edu/psychology and select Academic Resources.

Repeating Courses

First, do not repeat courses unless you absolutely have to. Repeating courses can affect your eligibility for Financial Aid. For the most part, you should only repeat a course if you have an F. The exception is a course like PSY 011, 200, or 270 where you must earn a C or better.

Second, KU policy is that you cannot take any individual course more than three times. If you do not pass the course after the third time, you cannot enroll in it again—NO EXCEPTIONS.
You are better off withdrawing if you think you will fail a course but you must do so before the withdrawal deadline (around midterm).

Third, when you repeat a course, the most recent grade is the grade used in QPA, not the highest grade. Therefore, once again, think long and hard before you repeat a D unless it is in a course like PSY 011, 200, or 270 where you must earn a C or better.

The maximum number of repeats allowed by KU is 6. No EXCEPTIONS.

**Declaring Two Majors**

Be careful about declaring a second major. Psychology is a B.S. degree (Bachelor of Science). If the other major you wish to declare is also a B.S. then you are probably fine declaring the other major. If the other major is *anything other than a B.S.* (e.g. B.A., B.S.W, BS. Ed.) then you must complete a minimum of 150 credits to graduate. NO EXCEPTIONS. It is rarely a smart move to spend extra time as an undergraduate just to complete a second major.

**Taking Courses Elsewhere**

At least half of the courses in your major must be taken at KU and at least 30 of the last 45 credits must be taken at KU. Complete a “Permission to Study Elsewhere Form” which is available at the Registrar’s office or downloadable from their website.

http://www.kutztown.edu/registrar/

Use this page to see what your course will transfer as:
http://www2.kutztown.edu/admissions/transferring-to-ku/credit-evaluations.htm

**Psychology Advising Handbook**

There is a complete advising handbook for the Psychology major that can be accessed or downloaded as a PDF file from the department website.

http://www.kutztown.edu/psychology  Select Academic Resources and then Psychology Student Handbook.
# Suggested Semester Course Sequence for Psychology Majors

Applies to all majors who began Fall 2010 or later

## Freshman: First Semester

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<th>PSY 011 General Psychology</th>
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- *In addition to or in lieu of MAT 017, MAT 105 or higher is recommended if you plan to go graduate school.

## Freshman: Second Semester

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<th>PSY 200 Statistics or 270 or 310**</th>
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- ** PSY 200 Statistics is a prerequisite to PSY 270 and 310. SOC 201 cannot be substituted for PSY 200.

## Sophomore: Third Semester

## Sophomore: Fourth Semester

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## Junior: Fifth Semester

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- 1. Complete MAT 017 before the third semester.
- 2. Complete PSY 200 before the fifth semester; it is a prerequisite to all PSY 3xx courses.
- 3. Complete PSY 270 and 310 before the seventh semester.