Psychology—Counseling and Substance Abuse Concentration: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Degree Type
Bachelor of Arts

In addition to the general psychology mission, the primary goals of this concentration are to deepen students understanding of substance use disorders, to facilitate the development of addiction counseling competencies that are associated with positive treatment outcomes and to increase the student's level of confidence relative to providing substance abuse evaluation, education and treatment services.

Learning Outcomes

In addition to the general psychology outcomes, students will:

- Identify, define and explain the key terminology, concepts, principles, theories and models for conceptualizing substance abuse and dependence from the field of psychology.
- Differentiate between the different substance abuse disorders using the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders #4, Text Revision (DSM IV-TR).
- Identify strategies for engaging and retaining the substance abuser and significant others in treatment.

Psychology with Counseling and Substance Abuse Concentration B.A. Progress to Completion Requirements:

Program Credit Requirement: 56 credits (including 4 credit minimum internship)

PSY 101 – minimum grade of C

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	4.0
PSY 245	Introduction to Addiction Studies	4.0
PSY 104	Writing in Psychology	2.0
PSY 202	Personality Psychology	4.0
PSY 204	Social Psychology	4.0
PSY 211	Cognitive Psychology	4.0
PSY 216	Neuroscience	4.0
PSY 302	Statistical Methods for Psychology	4.0
PSY 308	Research Methods in Psychology	4.0
PSY 485	Psychology Internship and Professional Development Seminar	4.0-16
PSY 486	Psychology Capstone: Advanced Research Seminar	2.0
PSY 306	Psychopathology	4.0
PSY 310	Counseling Psychology	4.0
PSY 369	Drugs and Behavior	4.0
PSY 372	Substance Abuse Counseling	4.0
PSY 373	Screening and Assessment of Addiction Disorders	4.0

Suggested Registration Sequence

First Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 104	Writing in Psychology	2.0
WRT 101	Introduction to Academic Writing	4.0
FYE 101	Wesson Honors First-Year Experience	4.0
PSY 202	Personality Psychology	4.0

First Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 104	Writing in Psychology	2.0
	MAT - Quantitative Literacy Proficiency	4
PSY 245	Introduction to Addiction Studies	4.0
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4

Sophomore Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 204	Social Psychology	4.0
PSY 216	Neuroscience	4.0
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Sophomore Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 211	Cognitive Psychology	4.0
PSY 373	Screening and Assessment of Addiction Disorders	4.0
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Junior Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 302	Statistical Methods for Psychology	4.0
	300-Level PSY - Psychopathology or Counseling Psychology or Drugs and Behavior or Substance Abuse Counseling	4
	IE - Integrative Experience Course	4
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4

Junior Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 308	Research Methods in Psychology	4.0
	Free Elective Course	4
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	Free Elective Course	4

Senior Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 486	Psychology Capstone: Advanced Research Seminar	2.0
	300-Level PSY - Psychopathology or Counseling Psychology or Drugs and Behavior or Substance Abuse Counseling	4
	300-Level PSY - Psychopathology or Counseling Psychology or Drugs and Behavior or Substance Abuse Counseling	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Senior Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 485	Psychology Internship and Professional Development Seminar	4.0-16
	300-Level PSY - Psychopathology or Counseling Psychology or Drugs and Behavior or Substance Abuse Counseling	4
	Free Elective Course	4