

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS regarding Fall 2022 new Psychology major requirements:

I declared the major before Fall 2022, are these new major requirements what I need to fulfill for graduation?

No. The new curriculum of Psychology major requirements must be followed by students who declare the Psychology major in Fall 2022 or after. BUT, continuing students who declared the Psychology major before Fall 2022 can *choose* to follow the new curriculum or remain in their current curriculum (see next FAQ).

I declared the major before Fall 2022, can I choose to follow the new curriculum?

Yes. However, students must opt-in to the new curriculum. Psychology majors continuing in Fall 2022 and after can choose to follow the new curriculum by [completing this online revise major declaration form](#).

I declared the major before Fall 2022, what if I don't want to complete these new requirements?

Students who declared the major before Fall 2022 should follow their [current Psychology major requirements](#). The new curriculum is an option for continuing students, but not required.

I am graduating effective Spring 2022 or Summer 2022, can I follow the new curriculum?

No. The new curriculum will not be implemented until Fall 2022. Therefore, students graduating before Fall 2022 cannot complete these requirements. You must complete your [current Psychology major requirements](#).

I declared the major before Fall 2022 but I don't know which curriculum is better for me. What should I do? Is there a deadline when I have to decide?

[Come to drop-in advising hours this week or in the future](#). There is no deadline to opt-in to, or choose, the new curriculum.

Where can I see the new curriculum listed on the [Guide](#) and on the [Psychology department website](#)?

The new 2022-2023 Guide was published on June 1, 2022 at guide.wisc.edu. The [Psychology department website](#) was also updated with the new curriculum requirements on June 1, 2022.

What if I already completed Zoo 102 for the major requirements?

Great! The Zoology 102 course helps fulfill the Natural Science and Biological Science breadth requirement for your degree.

What if I took PSYCH 160 or PSYCH 120, will these courses still count towards my major?

If you declared the Psychology major before Fall 2022, PSYCH 160 and PSYCH 120 count toward the 33-credits required in Psychology and count towards your Psychology major GPA.

If you declare (or opt into) the Psychology major in Fall 2022 or after, the grade that you earned in PSYCH 160 and PSYCH 120 at UW-Madison will count towards your Psychology major GPA. These courses will not count toward the Psychology elective requirement because they are not numbered 300 or above.

What are Psychology elective(s) (min 3-credits) numbered 300 and above?

Any PSYCHOLOGY courses numbered 300+ that are not used to complete your Psychology Breadth, Psychology Depth, or Psychology Capstone requirement. Minimum three-credits required.

Examples: PSYCH 621: Mentored Research seminar, PSYCH 310: Study Abroad topics, PSYCH 380: Junior Honors seminar, PSYCH/ISYE 349: Human Factors, PSYCH/ZOO 611: Systems Neuroscience.

Another example: You complete PSYCH 405, 456, and 460. These three courses fulfill your three Psychology Breadth courses from three different area groups. Then, you also complete PSYCH 401. PSYCH 401 would fulfill your Psychology Elective requirement.

Another example: You are accepted into a Psychology research lab as a Research Assistant (two-semester commitment required). You enroll in PSYCH 621 for 2-credits in the Fall term. Then, you enroll again in PSYCH 621 for 2-credits in the Spring term. You complete 4-total credits of PSYCH 621 over two semesters. Together, both semesters of PSYCH 621 will fulfill your Psychology Elective requirement.

Are there any changes to the Honors in the Major (HM) requirements?

Yes, two slight changes to the HM will be implemented for students who declare HM Fall 2022 or later. 1) Students may choose to complete either Psych 380 or 2 semesters of Psych 686 (although both are recommended for all students completing a thesis). 2) Students may use either an honors version of Psych 210 or 225 to count as one of their three breadth/depth courses for honors.