



The Universities at Shady Grove

Suggested Planning Guide for UMBC-Shady Grove's Bachelor of Arts in Psychology



MC Foundation and Distribution Courses	Course	Credits	S1	S2	S3	S4	Grade
Intro to College Writing		3					
Critical Read/Write/Research OR Critical Read/Write/ Research at Work*		3					
Elements of Statistics *		3					
Behavioral/Social Science Distribution (General Psychology)*		3					
Principles of Health Living		3					
Humanities Distribution		3					
Arts Distribution		3					
Natural Sciences Lab Distribution		4					
Natural Sciences Non-Lab or Lab Distribution		3/4					
Arts or Humanities Distribution		3					
Intro to Human Communication OR Business & Prof. Speech Communication		3					
Child Psychology OR Intro to Abnormal Psychology		3					
Physical Education Course		1					
Additional UMBC-Needed GEP Courses	Course	Credits	S1	S2	S3	S4	Grade
GEP Culture (World Language: 101 Level) – ANTH 201, HIST 147, 148, 245		3					
GEP Culture (World Language: 102 Level) – ANTH 201, HIST 147, 148, 245		3					
World Language: Intermediate Level		3					
GEP Social Science (non-Psychology course)		3					
Physical Education Course		1					
MC Elective Courses/Program Requirements	Course	Credits	S1	S2	S3	S4	Grade
Psychology (Choose one): Intro to Psych of Personality, Psychology of Women, Social Psychology, Child Psychology, Adolescent Psychology, Intro Abnormal Psychology		3					
Elective (Psychology or other)		3					
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TOTAL MC CREDITS: 61-62			(Maximum # Transferable to UMBC: 59- 60)				
Program Requirements	Course	Credits	S5	S6	S7	S8	Grade
PSYC 309 – Exploring the Discipline		3					
PSYC 311 – Experimental Research and Design		4					
PSYC Course 300 level – Elective		3					
PSYC Course 400 level – Elective		3					
PSYC Domain Course		3					
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Additional Elective Courses/GEP Requirements	Course	Credits	S5	S6	S7	S8	Grade
Upper Level Elective		3					
Upper Level Elective		3					
Upper Level Elective		3					
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Upper Level Elective		3					
Elective/Internship/Research		3					
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TOTAL UMBC CREDITS: 62							

*Program Prerequisites

Shaded areas denote suggested semester for course completion

NOTE: This suggested planning guide is NOT intended to serve as an official articulation agreement. Please review the information below for further details on course requirements. See your MC counselor and/or a UMBC-Shady Grove program representative for more information.

General UMBC Notes:

- UMBC requires a minimum of 120 credits and a minimum 2.0 GPA for graduation
- Students may transfer a maximum of 60 credits from a two-year school and up to 90 credits from a four-year school to UMBC.
- Once enrolled in a degree program at UMBC, courses listed in ARTSYS may no longer apply. Students will need to check with their advisors and complete a Verification of Transferability form in order to ensure proper transfer of coursework.
- **World Language Requirement** - A single language through the 201-level; exemptions based on proof of completion of Level 4 of a language in high school or results of a language proficiency exam. Students may demonstrate foreign language proficiency through other methods. Please see your academic advisor for more information. If exempt, take a general elective in place of language courses.
- **Physical Education Requirement** - UMBC requires that all students complete two Physical Education activity courses, with some exceptions: students who are 30 years of age or older at the time they begin their studies at UMBC and/or students who have served in the military (must submit copies of their DD-214 paperwork to Office of the Registrar). Students with medical reasons for exemption should contact their Program Director at UMBC. PE credits are not counted towards the final 120 academic credits required by UMBC. MC's Personalized Health Fitness course includes a physical activity portion; therefore, it will fulfill 1 PE requirement.

Specific Psychology Program Notes:

- Psychology majors at UMBC must complete at least 18 credits in Psychology at UMBC, unless an exemption is granted by the Department of Psychology, Undergraduate Committee.
- Psychology majors are urged to take PSYC 211 and PSYC 311 (in sequence) in the sophomore or junior year; PSYC 311 is a prerequisite for 400-level electives.
- All qualified psychology majors are offered the opportunity to do independent laboratory, library or field research as well as psychology-related internships and can earn up to 3 credits per semester for a maximum of 6 credits towards any of these opportunities. Students should check course descriptions for PSYC 397, PSYC 398, and PSYC 490 for more information. This work must have advance approval from a member of the faculty.
- No grade lower than a "C" in any course will be counted toward the required 36 total credits for the Psychology major.
- Math Recommendation – While students who transfer from MC may use Survey of College Math to fulfill the Gen Ed Math requirements, Elements of Statistics is the required course to PSYC 311 (Research Methods I), a Core course required for the major. Elements of Statistics can also be used to fulfill the Gen Ed Math requirement.

If you have questions or would like more information about UMBC's Psychology Program at Shady Grove, please contact Dr. Diane Alonso, Program Director, at dalonso@umbc.edu or 301-738-6318.