#### Advising Checklist for Prospective and Incoming UMBC PSYCHOLOGY@USG BA Students

#### Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Previous Institution(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_

Hello and welcome to the UMBC Psychology program at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG). We would like to encourage you to consider joining our program and want to make sure that you are properly prepared to do so by letting you know about our requirements and recommendations. This Checklist on this page will help you determine if you need to take some courses at a community college prior to starting here or while taking course at UMBC, in order to complete lower level requirements.

For students who are completing any coursework at a Maryland Community College, ***prior to starting*** *at UMBC* please use ARTSYS ([artsys.usmd.edu](file:///F:\ADVISING\PSYC%20BA\STUDENTS%20--%20INCOMING\artsys.usmd.edu)) to verify all courses. Note that once you enroll in courses at UMBC you will no longer be able to rely solely on this list and will need to meet with an advisor to verify courses. Please feel free to contact your advisor for any additional information.

**Required, prior to starting the Psychology program at UMBC@USG**The following course(s) are **absolutely** **required** **prior** to starting at UMBC Psychology at USG. All of the following courses must be transferred in to UMBC in order to register.

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|  | **Requirement** | **MC and FCC Equivalents** | **Course** |
|  | **INTRO PSYC (PSYC 100)** | **MC**: PY102 or PSYC102; **FCC:** PS101; or equivalent | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **COMPOSITION (ENGL 100)** | **MC**: EN102 or 109 OR ENGL102 or 109; **FCC:** EN101; or equivalent | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **STATISTICS (STAT 121)** | **MC:** MA116 (or MATH 117); **FCC:** MA206; or equivalent | **\_\_\_\_\_** |

**Required for graduation from UMBC but not offered at USG:**

*It is* ***highly******recommended*** *that the following courses are completed* ***prior*** *to starting at UMBC Psychology @USG. They are required as part of UMBC’s General Education Requirements and provide a foundation for most upper-level (300- and 400- level) courses but* ***are not offered*** *at the Shady Grove campus. If you have not completed these requirements prior to starting at UMBC you will need to take them at another institution during your first year.*

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| **** | **Requirement** | **MC and FCC Recommendations[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **Course** |
|  | **LAB SCIENCE** | Students who have not yet transferred to UMBC may select from the list of courses available in ARTSYS | **\_\_\_\_\_** |
|  | **NON-LAB SCIENCE** | Students who have not yet transferred to UMBC may select from the list of courses available in ARTSYS | **\_\_\_\_\_** |
|  | **LANGUAGE** | UMBC Requires Proficiency at the 201-level. See the Language Proficiency link on the MLLI web site for alternate ways of meeting  this requirement. Note that most students need to take the prerequisites of 101 and 102 prior to taking 201. | **\_\_\_\_\_** |
|  | **2 PE Classes[[2]](#footnote-2)** | MC & FCC: Students select any 2 classes labeled as “PE” |  |

**Highly recommended as prerequisites for courses for the major but not offered at USG:**

Most PSYC courses with UMBC@USG require at least one additional Psychology course after the Introductory-level course, as a prerequisite. These 2 courses are highly recommended to serve that purpose.

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| **** | **PSYC Course** | **MC and FCC Equivalents** | **Course** |
|  | **CHILD PSYC (PSYC 200)** | MC: PY215 or PSYC 215 | **\_\_\_\_\_** |
|  | **ABNORMAL (PSYC 285)** | MC: PY221 or PSYC 221 ; FCC: PS206 | **\_\_\_\_\_** |

**Transfer Information:**

***For additional information on Transfer Courses and Credits, please see the Registrar’s page at*** [***http://registrar.umbc.edu/services/transfer-credits/***](http://registrar.umbc.edu/services/transfer-credits/)

**Additional questions, comments, and/or recommendations:**

Please include any questions or comments you have here. Advisors may make additional comments here too:      **GFR/GEP Requirements[[3]](#footnote-3):**

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| ENGL: | One course in writing – ENGL100 or its equivalent; Recommended: From MC – ENGL102 or 109,FCC – EN101. |
| AH: | Three courses with “AH” designations; courses must come from at least 2 different disciplines. Ancient Studies and Archeology count as same discipline. GFRS: must have a match. |
| SS: | Three courses with “SS” designations; courses must come from at least 2 different disciplines. Sociology and Anthropology count as same discipline. GFRS: must have a match. |
| M: | One course in Mathematics or Statistics with the “M” designation. *Recommended: From MC – MA116 (or MATH117), From FCC – MA206.* |
| BPS & Lab: | Two courses with the “S” designation (for GEPs) or the “MS” designation (for GFRs); one science course must include a laboratory component. |
| C: | B.A. students: two courses with the “C” designation. B.S./B.S.E. students: one course with the “C” designation: GFRs: |
| L(201): | Completion of a foreign language through the 201-level or demonstrated proficiency at that level.[[4]](#footnote-4) |

**Major Requirements for the Psychology B.A.**

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| **I. CORE REQUIREMENTS: Required for all PSYC Majors matriculating *as of or after* Spring 2015** | |
| PSYC 100: Intro to Psychology 🡪 *[MC: PSYC102, FCC: PS101]*  PSYC 211: The Science and Profession of Psychology  PSYC 311: Research Methods in Psychology I | |
| **II. DOMAINS: One course in each of the 6 Domains. No more than three courses at the 200-level** | |
| **Learning and Cognition (L&C)** | **Social, Personality, and Abnormal (SP&A)** |
| **PSYC 210** Learning | **PSYC 285** Abnormal *(MC: PY221 or PSYC 221, FCC: PS206))* |
| **PSYC 316** Language and Thought | **PSYC 340** Social *(MC: PY211 or PSYC 211, FCC: PS202)* |
| **PSYC 317** Cognitive Psychology | **PSYC 380** Personality *(MC: PY204 orPSYC 204)* |
| **PSYC 360** Motivation | **PSYC 382** Child and Adolescent Psychopathology |
| **Biological Bases of Behavior (BBB)** | **Culture, Diversity & Context (CD&C)** |
| **PSYC 335** Physiological Psychology | **PSYC 230** Psychology and Culture |
| **PSYC 370** Sensation & Perception | **PSYC 330** Child Development and Culture |
| **PSYC 375** Neuroanatomy | **PSYC 356** The Psychology of Sex and Gender |
| **PSYC 390** Neuropsychopharmacology | **PSYC 357** Psychology of Women *(MC: PY207 or PSYC 207)* |
|  | **PSYC 387** Community Psychology |
| **Developmental (DEV)** | **Applied (AP)** |
| **PSYC 200** Child Developmental Psyc *(MC: PY215 or PSYC 215)* | **PSYC 308** Child Maltreatment |
| **PSYC 304** Adolescent Psyc *(MC: PY216 or PSYC 216)* | **PSYC 320** Psychological Assessment |
| **PSYC 305** The Exceptional Child | **PSYC 324** Introduction to Interviewing Techniques |
| **PSYC 306** Lifespan Human Development (*MC: PY203 or PSYC 203*) | **PSYC 342** Aggression and Anti-Social Behavior |
| **PSYC 307** Psychology of Aging | **PSYC 345** Introduction to Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy |
| **PSYC 365** Children with Disabilities | **PSYC 346** Industrial/Organizational Psychology |
|  | **PSYC 385** Health Psychology |
| **III. UPPER-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY COURSES: 2 additional upper-level Psychology courses, at least one of which must be 400-level. *Exclusions****: PSYC 397, 398, 399, 490, 498, 499.* | |
| 300 OR 400 Level: PSYC\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(300-level can be a 2nd course from a Domain)*  400 Level: PSYC \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(After completion of PSYC 311)* | |

**General UMBC Notes:**

* UMBC requires 120 academic credits for graduation; of those credits:
  + At least 45 must be upper level credits (courses numbered at the 300-level or above)
  + At least 30 must be from UMBC (referred to as resident credit); *of those*, at least 15 must be upper-level credits
* Students may transfer a maximum of 60 credits from a 2-year school to UMBC and a maximum of 90 credits from a 4-year school.
* Students must complete 2 PE classes
* Students must complete at least one Writing Intensive (WI-designated) course while at UMBC

**Psychology Program Notes:**

* Psychology majors at UMBC must complete at least 18 credits in Psychology at UMBC
* Psychology majors are urged to take the Research Methods courses in sequence their junior year (for students matriculating on or after Spring 2015, the course sequence is PSYC 211 then PSYC 311. The second course in the sequence is the prerequisite for all 400-level Psychology courses.
* 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 MATH 110 (or MA110) to fulfill the Gen Ed Math requirements, MATH117 (or MA 116) or an equivalent statistics course is required for the major.

1. These are recommendations only. You can use ARTSYS *as a reference* for additional course selections ***prior to transferring to UMBC***. Note that higher-level math courses (e.g. Calculus) will be accepted. Also, students can send in AP or CLEP scores as appropriate***.***  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Note that the 2 PE courses are not considered General Education courses and their credits do not transfer in as Academic Credits but they are required for graduation from UMBC.To find out about PE Waivers, for age (>30 at matriculation), disability, or military service, please contact the PE department at UMBC. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. For additional information see the “General Education Program” worksheet or the “General Foundation Requirements” worksheet in the

   Appendix of UMBC’s online Undergraduate catalog (go to <http://www.umbc.edu/catalog/appendices>) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. For more information, go to the Modern Languages and Linguistics web site at <http://www.umbc.edu/mll>  [↑](#footnote-ref-4)