

Northern Virginia Community College & West Virginia University

Associate of Arts – Liberal Arts leading to
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (WVU-BA)
Suggested Plan of Study

Northern Virginia Community College	Cr Hrs	WVU Equivalent	Cr Hrs
Year One, 1st Semester			
ENG 111	3	ENGL 101	3
BIO 101	4	BIOL 101 & 103	4
MTH 163	3	MATH 126	3
PSY 201	3	PSYC 101	3
PED 116 & SDV 100	2	PE 000 & ORIN 000	2
TOTAL	15		15
Year One, 2nd Semester			
ENG 112	3	ENGL 102	3
BIO 102	4	BIOL 102 & 104	4
CST 110	3	COMM 104	3
MTH 241	3	STAT 211	3
PSY 202	3	PSYC 000	3
TOTAL	16		16
Year Two, 1st Semester			
HUM/ARTS	3	GEF 6	3
FOR LANG 201	3	FOR LANG 203	3
HIS ELECTIVE	3	GEF 7	3
PSY 211	3	PSYC 000	3
*PSY 215/216/231	3	PSYC 281/251/241	3
TOTAL	15		15
Year Two, 2nd Semester			
HUM/ARTS	3	ELECTIVE	3
FOR LANG 202	3	FOR LANG 204	3
HIS ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
PSY 213	3	PSYC 000	3
*PSY 215/216//231	3	PSYC 281/251/241	3
TOTAL	15		15

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Year Three, 1st Semester		Year Three, 2 nd Semester	
*PSYC CLUSTER C/D/E	3	PSYC 204	3
PSYC 203	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Year Four, 1 st Semester		Year Four, 2 nd Semester	
PSYC UPPER DIVISION ELECTIVE	3	CAPSTONE	3
PSYC CLUSTER A/B	3	PSYC 302	3
PSYC 301	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15

*Students will select 1 of the 3 PSY courses suggested in both their 3rd and 4th semester. The courses chosen will determine which Cluster requirement remains to be satisfied at West Virginia University

Students must complete PSY 201 with a grade of C or higher and MTH 151/152 or 163 to meet admission requirements for the Psychology program at WVU. MTH 163 is recommended in this pathway however for preparation for advanced level coursework at WVU.

Students are required to complete proficiency of 4 semesters worth of the same foreign language to fulfill the Associates and Bachelor of Arts requirements at NOVA and WVU. It is recommended that students meet this requirement at NOVA through successful completion of Foreign Language courses at the 201 and 202 level. Students who are not proficient enough to start at that level should consult their advisor and the Office of Undergraduate Education at WVU regarding altering their schedule to remain on a 4 year graduation pathway.

The WVU General Education Foundations curriculum (GEF) includes eight areas (F1-F8). F1 (Composition and Rhetoric), F2 (Science & Technology), and F3 (Mathematics & Quantitative Skills) are specified above. These 3 Areas will be fulfilled by General Education requirements at Northern Virginia. Students must also complete 3 credit hours from each of the GEF Areas 4 through 7, and are encouraged to study the provided GEF chart to select electives that satisfy these requirements. By using the suggested plan of study above, students are able to fulfill this requirement prior to graduation from Northern Virginia Community College. Students not completing this requirement at NOVA will need to utilize ELECTIVE credit at WVU to do so.

The WVU GEF curriculum also includes 9 credits (normally 3 three-credit courses) of Focus coursework (F8), to help students capitalize on the range and diversity of courses offered at WVU.

In order to maximize connections, incorporate additional competencies, and encourage true breadth of study, students must fulfill the Focus through completion of one of the following academic paths: (a) completion of a minor; (b) completion of a double major or dual degree, or (c) completion of 9 credits of additional coursework from the list of courses approved for GEF Areas F1 through F7. Northern Virginia students are encouraged to utilize ELECTIVE credit, and the GEF spreadsheet, to take courses that complete this requirement at NOVA. Those who do not complete the F8 requirement at NOVA, will need to utilize ELECTIVE credit at WVU to do so.

Students completing degrees in WVU's Eberly College of Arts and Sciences are encouraged to work with their advisors to integrate completion of an academic minor or minors into their programs of study, to the degree allowed within elective hours. WVU offers over 100 minors that complement major fields of study, build on students' unique interests, expand perspectives, and broaden skills. See <http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/minors/#minorsofferedtext> for a list of available minors. Northern Virginia students may begin completion of certain minors at NOVA by utilizing ELECTIVE hours to take courses equivalent to the minor's introductory requirements at WVU.

Students who have questions about admission into their intended program, GEF requirements, GEF Focus courses, minors, or any other issue relating to academics at West Virginia University should contact the Office of Undergraduate Education at WVU.