

# Northern Virginia Community College & West Virginia University

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

Northern Virginia Community College	Cr Hrs	WVU Equivalent	Cr Hrs
<b>Year One, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>			
ENG 111	3	ENGL 101	3
BIO 101	4	BIO 101 & 103	4
MTH 173	5	MATH 155	5
PSY 201	3	PSYC 101	3
PED 116 & SDV 100	2	PE 000 & ORIN 000	2
TOTAL	17		17
<b>Year One, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>			
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
<b>Year Two, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>			
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
<b>Year Two, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>			
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 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
PSYC 203	3	PSYC 204	3
MATH 156 OR STAT 312/331/421**	4/3	PSYC UPPER DIVISION ELECTIVE	3
BIOL 117***	4	PSYC CLUSTER C/D/E	3
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	1/2	ELECTIVE	2
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	14
Year Four, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester		Year Four, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
PSYC CLUSTER A/B	3	CAPSTONE	3
PSYC 301	3	PSYC 302	3
BS AREA 3-1	4	BS AREA 3-2	4
ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	1	ELECTIVE	2
TOTAL	14	TOTAL	14

\*Students will select 1 of the 3 PSY courses suggested in both their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*\*Selection of any of these options will complete the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Science Area 1 requirement.

\*\*\*Taking BIOL 117 will complete the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Science Area 2 requirement.

Students not following these recommendations will need to utilize additional ELECTIVE credit to satisfy this requirement.

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.