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Psychology

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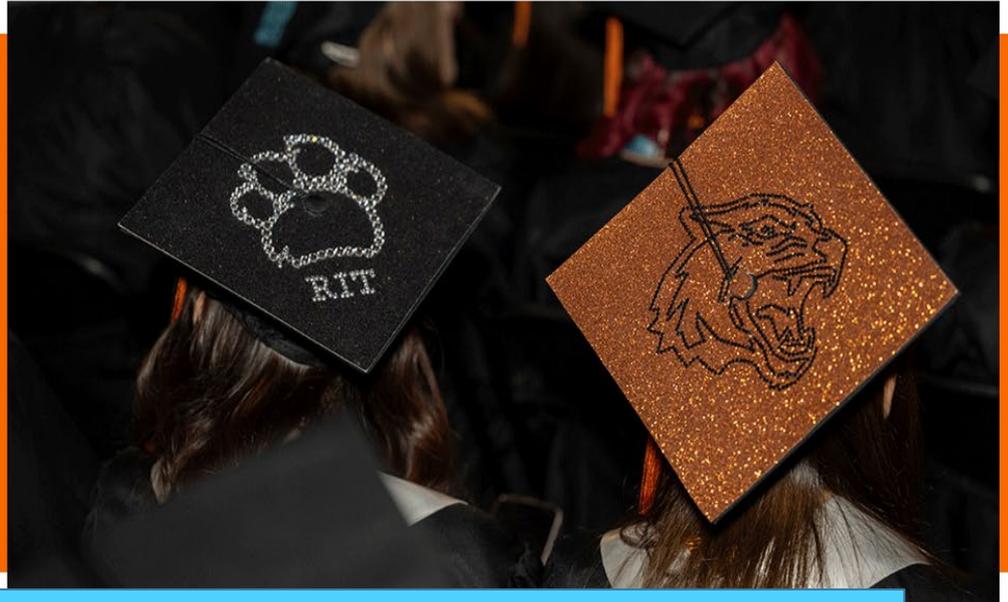
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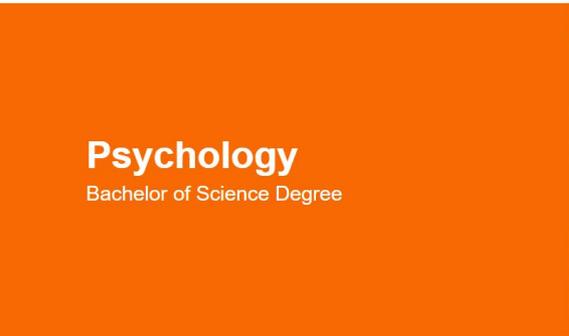
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Curriculum

Typical Course Sequence

▮ Total Credit Hours - 124

Course	Sem. Cr. Hrs.
First Year	⊕
Second Year	⊕
Third Year	⊕
Fourth Year	⊕

more information. (WI) Refers to a writing intensive course within the major.

Tracks

Students at RIT Dubai will study in explore the following interdisciplinary tracks:

- Clinical Psychology

- Biopsychology

These tracks represent popular fields of research and practice in, as well as application of Psychology, to create a career-focused program. Students thus receive an education that provides a strong foundation for employment in related fields or pursuing further education through graduate school.

Click here for the program flow chart

To graduate, students need to complete all the requirements as listed in the curriculum **graduation policy** ›

YEAR ONE

2025 BS Program in Psychology

Key		Year One		Year Two		Year Three		Year Four		Total Credits
Psychology		PSYC 101 Intro to Psychology (3) [A]	PSYC 221 Abnormal Psychology (3) [D] [A] [B]	PSYC 250 Research Methods I (3) [E]	PSYC 251 Research Methods II (3) [C] [G]	PSYC 234 Ind & Org Psyc or PSYC 235 Lrn & Bhvr (3) [A]	PSYC 412 Biol Basis of Mental Disorders (3) [B] [E] [H]	PSYC 501 Senior Capstone Proposal (3) [C] [G]	PSYC 502 Seminar or PSYC 510 Sr Project (3)	
Statistics										
Science		STAT 145 Intro to Statistics I (3) [B]	STAT 146 Intro to Statistics II (4) [C] [A]	PSYC 241 Health Psychology (3)	PSYC 222 Biopsychology (3) [A] [H] [B] [E]	PSYC 411 Psycho-pharmacology (3)	PSYC 420 Clinical Psychology [B] [D] [E]	PSYC 422 Psychotherapy (3) [B] [D] [E]	General Education Elective (3)	
Liberal Arts										
General Education										
Open Electives		UWRT 150 Writing Seminar (3) [A]	PSYC 236 Personality (3)	PSYC 225 Social Psychology (3) [A] [F]	General Education Elective (3)	General Education Elective (3)	General Education Elective (3)	General Education Elective (3)	General Education Elective (3)	
First Year Requiement										
Course # Course Name (Cr)		Global Perspective (3)	Ethical Perspecitve (3)	BIOL 101+103 General Biology I + Lab (3+!)	BIOL 102+104 General Biology II + Lab (3+!)	General Education Elective (3)	Immersion (3)	Open Elective (3)	Open Elective (3)	
Prerequisite Course [A]		Social Perspective (3)	GE Elctv/ Islmic Cult Course (3)	Artistic Perspective (WI) (3)	Immersion (3)	Immersion (3)	Open Elective (3)	Open Elective (3)	Open Elective (3)	
Course in Reference [A]		YOPS 10 RIT 365 (0)				PSYC 301 Junior Seminar in Psychology (1)				
Prerequisite →										
Grade of "C-" required										
Corequisite ···▶ [A]										
Credits		15	16	16	16	16	15	15	15	124

PSYC 498/499/450 Cooperative Education/Research Experience

How to Read Your Flowchart

Prerequisite = A requirement that must be met/completed first *before* you can take a course
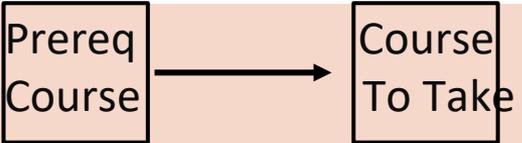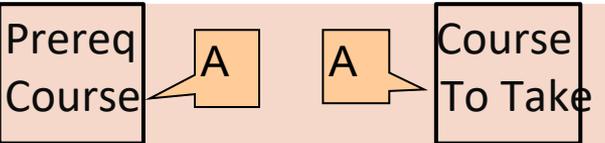
- **Types of Prerequisites**
    1. **Course** (eg. The *prerequisite* for Beginning French II is Beginning French I (you just need to pass with a D))
    2. **Year-Level** (eg. The *prerequisite* for Organizational Behavior is *2nd Year Standing*)
    3. **A Grade in a course** (eg. The *prerequisite* for Calculus II is a C- in Calculus I)

Corequisite = A course that must either be taken *at the same time as* or completed before another course

- **Eg.:** The *corequisite* for Physics I is Calculus II = you can take Physics I as long as you are also taking or have already passed Calculus II
    ◦ Corequisites only work in one direction, so you could take Calculus II by itself

How to Read Your Flowchart

Requirements for a course are designated in 2 ways on the flowchart:

Requirement Type	Method 1: Arrows	Method 2: Letters
What you see	Prereq Course → Course To Take	Prereq Course [A] [A] Course To Take
Prerequisite	→	[A]
Corequisite	·······▶	[A]
Prerequisite and must pass with a C- or better	→	[A]

Terminology of Course Types

"Core Courses" = courses required by your major

"Electives" = requirements that can be fulfilled by a selection of courses that you can choose from

- There are different types of electives. Depending on the type, you will have a different set of course options (e.g. Math elective, Major elective, Science Elective, Free elective etc.)
- It is still a requirement you need to fulfill – you must choose *something*

Program Requirements

3 main categories

Major Courses	**General Education (GE)**	**Open Electives**
Pretrack Courses	Math & Science	(Almost) anything!
Track Courses	Liberal Arts	
Breadth Courses	Gen Ed Electives	
Core Courses		

Program Requirements

3 main categories

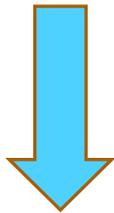## Major Courses

Pretrack Courses

Track Courses

Breadth Courses

Core Courses

General Education (GE)

Math & Science

Liberal Arts

Gen Ed Electives

Open Electives

(Almost) anything!

Major Courses
(Track and Breadth)

In the BS Psychology degree, students must take 2 courses from 2 different interdisciplinary tracks. At RIT Dubai, students will complete the following tracks:

- **Biopsychology**
- **Clinical Psychology**

These tracks represent popular fields of research and practice to create a career-focused program, providing a strong foundation for employment in psychology-related fields or for pursuing graduate degrees.

Pretrack Courses prepare you for your track courses.

Breadth Courses give you a broader perspective of psychology-related topics.

Major Courses
(Track and Breadth)

Requirement	Courses
Track 1: Biopsychology (2)	PSYC 411 Psychopharmacology PSYC 412 Biological Basis of Mental Disorders
Track 2: Clinical Psychology (2)	PSYC 420 Clinical Psychology PSYC 422 Psychotherapy
Pretrack Courses (3)	PSYC 221 Abnormal Psychology PSYC 222 Biopsychology PSYC 225 Social Psychology
Breadth Courses (3 of 4)	PSYC 234 Industrial & Organizational Psychology or PSYC 235 Learning & Behavior PSYC 236 Personality PSYC 239 Positive PSYC 241 Health Psychology

There are more course options that can meet each requirement, but these are the courses offered at RIT Dubai. You can potentially take the other courses from the main campus through online courses or the Global Scholars program.

Major Courses
(Core)

Requirement	Courses
Methods Courses (2)	PSYC 250 Research Methods I PSYC 251 Research Methods II
Seminar (1)	PSYC 301 Junior Seminar in Psychology
Capstone Courses (2)	PSYC 501 Senior Capstone Proposal PSYC 502 Seminar Or PSYC 510 Senior Project

Program Requirements

Major Courses

Pretrack Courses

Track Courses

Breadth Courses

Core Courses

General Education (GE)

Math & Science

Liberal Arts

Foundations

Perspectives

Immersion

Gen Ed Electives

Open Electives

(Almost) anything!

General Education – MATH & SCIENCE

General Education (GE)

Math & Science

Liberal Arts

Foundations

Perspectives

Immersion

Gen Ed Electives

Requirement	Course(s)
Perspective 5: Natural Science	**BIOL 101 + 103 General Biology I and Lab**
Perspective 6: Scientific Principles	**BIOL 102 + 104 General Biology II and Lab**
Perspective 7a + 7b: Math (2 courses)	**STAT 145 Intro to Statistics I STAT 146 Intro to Statistics II**

Program Requirements

General Education (GE)

Major Courses

Open Electives

Pretrack Courses

Track Courses

Breadth Courses

Required Courses

Math & Science

Liberal Arts

Writing

Perspectives

Immersion

Gen Ed Electives

(Almost) anything!

General Education – LIBERAL ARTS
(Writing)

General Education (GE)

Math & Science

Liberal Arts

Writing

Perspectives

Immersion

Gen Ed Electives

Foundation (1 course)
UWRT 150 Writing Seminar
Perspectives (4 courses)
Perspective I: Artistic
Perspective II: Ethical
Perspective III: Global
Perspective IV: Social
Immersion (3 courses)
Immersion Course 1
Immersion Course 2
Immersion Course 3
GE Electives (8 courses)

- **Required**
- **Can choose**

General Education – LIBERAL ARTS
(Writing)

Writing Seminar (1 course)

- This is a **required** course for **ALL RIT Dubai students**

- This is not a language course, but a **Writing course**, where you will learn to structure an argument, write essays, cite sources, etc

- It is recommended to take this **as early in your career as possible** as you will need to use the skills learned in this course in many of your other courses

General Education – LIBERAL ARTS
(Perspectives)

General Education (GE)

Math & Science

Liberal Arts

Writing

Perspectives

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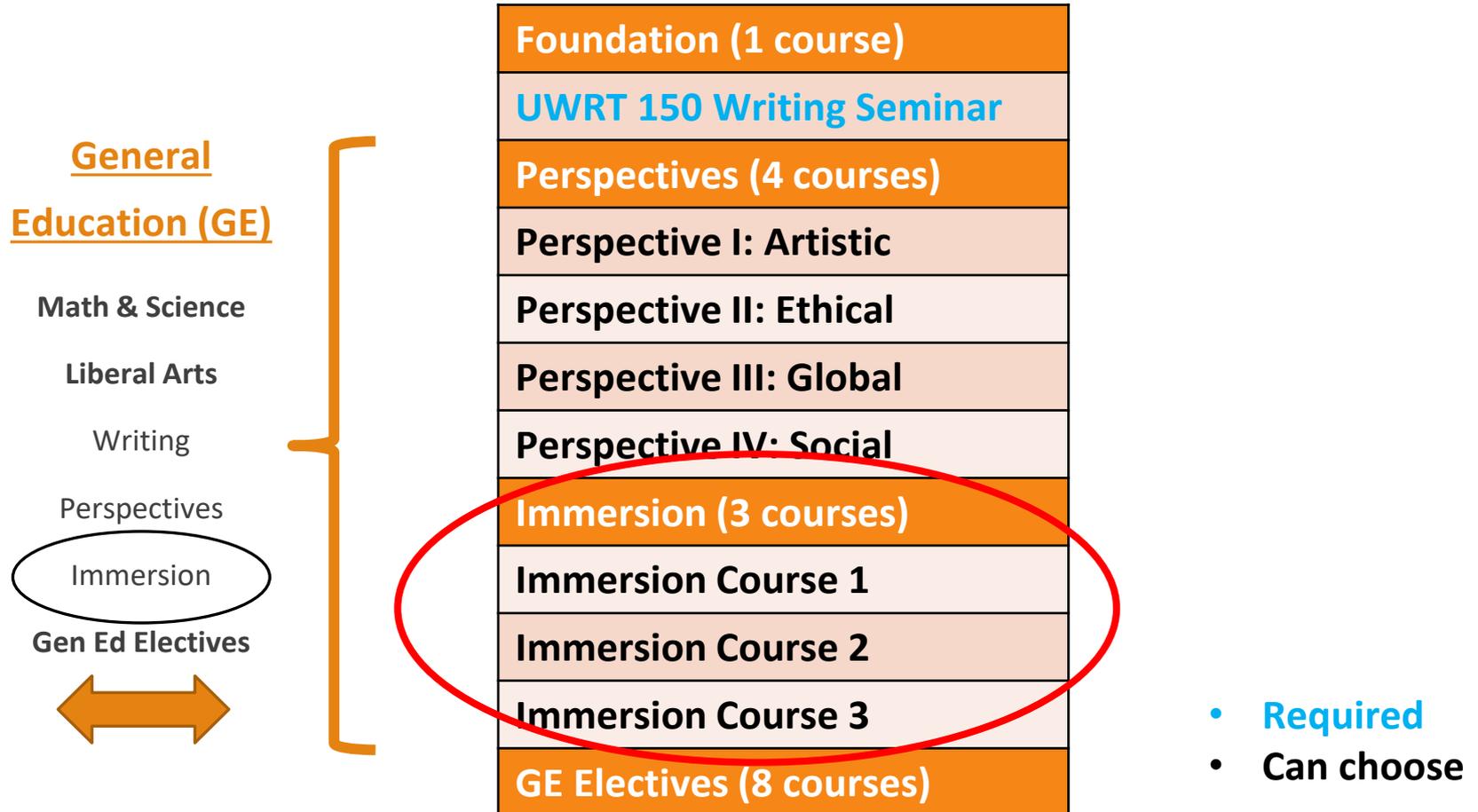
General Education – LIBERAL ARTS
(Perspectives)

Perspectives (4 courses)

- These course categories are designed to introduce students to a variety of important areas of inquiry that provide ways of knowing about the world.

- Global
- Social
- Artistic
- Ethical

- 1 course in each category is required to graduate
- Different courses are offered in each perspective each semester
- Some courses fulfil more than one perspective, but you can only use it once
- Note that PSYC 101 Intro to Psychology is a Social Perspective course, but does not count as such for BS Psychology students

General Education – LIBERAL ARTS
(Immersion)

General Education (GE)

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General Education – LIBERAL ARTS
(Immersion)

Immersion **(3 courses)** = a series of **three related general education courses** supporting deeper learning **within a focus area**
The current approved list of immersions for RIT Dubai is:

- **Advertising & PR**
- **Communication**
- **Cultural Anthropology**
- **Digital Literature & Comparative Media**
- **Economics**
- **Ethics**
- **History**
- **International Relations**
- **Language Science**
- **Literature & Media   /   Creative Writing**
- **Arbic   French   Spanish**
- **Philosophy**
- **Psychology**
- **Religious Studies**
- **Sociology**

Click here to see the list of courses that can fulfill each immersion

General Education – LIBERAL ARTS
(Immersion)

- **Special Notes:**

  - **Psychology Immersion:** is closed to students in the BS Psychology program

  - **Economics Immersion:** Microeconomics does *not* count in the immersion, but is a prerequisite for the immersion and is a Social or Global Perspective

General Education – LIBERAL ARTS

➢ Some Liberal Arts courses fulfill more than one category, but they cannot double count! You must eventually choose which requirement it will fulfill.

Minors
➢ Minors are usually 5 courses
➢ You *can* take a minor and an immersion in the same subject (e.g. Economics), so potentially, a minor that overlaps with your immersion would only require 2 additional courses.
➢ Minor courses can also overlap with perspectives

General Education
(Electives)

General Education (GE)

Math & Science

Liberal Arts

Writing

Perspectives

Immersion

(Gen Ed Electives)

Gen Ed Elective (8 courses)

- These can be **any liberal arts, math, or science course** as well as a few others.

- UWRT 100 Critical Reading/Writing and MATH 101 College Algebra would count as GE Electives

- Your **Islamic culture course** can go here if it doesn't fulfil any perspective or your immersion

General Education – LIBERAL ARTS
(Additional Requirements)

Additional Requirements – these 2 requirements do not need to be a separate course, but can be fulfilled by a perspective, immersion, or Gen Ed elective:

❑ **1 Islamic Culture course** (required for RIT Dubai only)
Choose from (1 course only required):
- **ANTH 275 Global Islam:** (Global Perspective/Immersion: Religious Studies, Cultural Anth)
- **ANTH 365 Culture and Politics in ME:** (Immersion: Arabic, Religious Studies, Cultural Anth)
- **HIST 402 Early Islamic History:** (Immersion: History)
- **ARTH 549 - Topics in Global Art and Architecture: Islamic Art & Architecture**: (Immersion: History)

❑ **1 Gen Ed Writing Intensive ("WI") course** (specified in the course description)
Choices include, but are not limited to:
- **COMM 253 Communication** (Gen Ed Elective)
- **ENGL 210 Literature, Culture and Media** (Artistic Perspective/Immersion: English)
- **ENGL 211 Intro to Creative writing** (Artistic Perspective/Immersion: Creative Writing)
- **ENGL 302 The Short Story** (Artistic Perspective/Immersion: English)
- **ENGL 309 Topics in Literary Forms** (Artistic Perspective/Immersion: English)
- **ENGL 360 Written Argument** (Artistic Perspective, Ethical Perspective/Immersion: English)

General Education – LIBERAL ARTS
(Additional Requirements)

Foundation (1 course)
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One of these must be an **Islamic Culture** course and one must be **Writing Intensive**

- **Required**
- **Can choose**

Program Requirements

Major Courses

Pretrack Courses

Track Courses

Breadth Courses

Core Courses

General Education (GE)

Math & Science

Liberal Arts

Open Electives

(Almost) anything!

5 Open Electives

Make the most of them!

Can be:

- An extra course from your major

- An additional general education class

- A course from a different program

- A course towards a minor

- Pretty much anything!

as long as you meet the prerequisite for the course!

EXCEPT:

You <u>cannot</u> take an **easier** course
   e.g. Pre-calc if you've already taken Calc I
Or a course that is **too similar**
   e.g. Prob & Stats if you're taking Applied Statistics

Confused?

Don't worry. You will make an individualized, personal **Graduation Plan** with your advisor that will include all of these requirements so you can keep track.

This will be emailed to you and updated every time we meet, so keep it and refer to it often!

Co-op

- **"Co-op" = Cooperative Education**
  - Opportunity to gain meaningful **work experience** *before* **graduation**
  - **Full-time, paid** employment directly related to your field of study
  - Usually completed in the **summer between your 3ʳᵈ and 4ᵗʰ year**
  - You should **not "graduate on a coop"**

Co-op Requirement

- **350 hours** of co-op (10 weeks full-time)

- Should require you to do **applied work** and be directly **related to psychology**

- You will take **PSYC 301 Junior Seminar in Psychology** in your **3rd year** to help prepare you for co-op and the co-op search process

- Your **faculty advisor** and the **Co-op Office** will be your best resources

Now What?

- **Mandatory Advising**

  - Every semester, you must meet with either your Academic Advisor or your Faculty Advisor before you can enroll for the next semester

    - You will discuss how things are going and what courses you should take next semester

    - This semester, first year students must meet with both!

  - Please **make an appointment on Starfish**

    - **If you want to come with a friend,** one of you make the appointment and write the name of the other(s) in the comments

Starfish Appointments

- **To book an appointment on Starfish** (<u>video</u>)**:**

1. Access **Starfish** through SIS or MyCourses

2. Click the "Starfish" menu icon, the **^**, and Edit Profile to <mark>**CHANGE YOUR TIME ZONE**</mark>

   - √ "Display all time zones" and find "(GMT+04:00) Dubai"

   - Click "Submit"

3. Go to "My Success Network" "

4. Go to your Academic Advisor, click on ". . ." and select "Schedule"

5. On the next page, click on "Academic Advising" and select the most applicable reason for your meeting.

6. Select the date and time

7. On the next page, you can "change duration" to book a longer appointment, select the Location (in-person), and add comments/details that I will see

Any Questions?

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