

# COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

### The Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology

50+ credit hours overall: 36 hours in psychology classes, 14+ in science and mathematics coursework

Requirements for students who entered the College prior to the Fall of 2012

We believe that a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology is an excellent undergraduate liberal arts degree. It is designed for students who plan to complete graduate training in the field of Psychology, in particular, at the doctoral level. Additionally, the degree also would effectively prepare those students who plan to work in empirical research-based positions immediately following completion of their undergraduate degree.

The Bachelor of Science degree requires you to take a variety of foundational classes in the field as well as more specialized classes at the advanced level. Because Psychology is an empirically-based scientific discipline, we also ask you to complete methodological and scientific course work within and outside of the major.

To ensure that you effectively matriculate through the major, we ask that you review with your advisor the following requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Psychology (Students: Please initial each point as you discuss these requirements with your advisor):

\_\_\_ I understand that I must complete Psyc 103 Introduction to Psychological Science, as it serves as a prerequisite for every other psychology course in the major

\_\_\_ I understand that I must complete Psyc 211 Psychological Statistics and Psyc 220 Research Methods (or Psyc 250 Psychological Statistics and Research Methods - 6-hr course)

\_\_\_ I understand that Psyc 211 is a prerequisite for Psyc 220. Both courses (or Psyc 250) should be completed early in my major – these courses provide an excellent background for all other courses in the major and are required for most upper-division courses

\_\_\_ I also understand that it is recommended that students complete a least one of their math courses before taking Psyc 211 (or Psyc 250)

\_\_\_ I understand that I must complete 3 classes from Core A: Psyc 213-215 (in any order). We **do not** recommend that you take all 3 of these courses at the same time:

Psyc 213 Conditioning and Learning

Psyc 214 Behavioral Neuroscience

Psyc 215 Cognitive Psychology

\_\_\_ I understand that I must complete 2 classes from Core B: Psyc 221, 223, 224 (formerly 307, 310, and 311, respectively). These classes can be taken in any order.

Psyc 221 Abnormal Psychology

Psyc 223 Social Psychology

Psyc 224 Lifespan Development

\_\_\_ I understand that I must complete one course from the Psyc 46x series (listed below), and that Psyc 211 and Psyc 220 (or Psyc 250) are required prerequisites along with the lower-level content course:

Psyc 460 Advanced Conditioning and Learning with Lab

Psyc 466 Advanced Sensation and Perception with Lab

Psyc 462 Advanced Social Psychology with Lab

Psyc 468 Advanced Cognitive Psychology with Lab

Psyc 464 Advanced Behavioral Neuroscience with Lab

Psyc 469 Advanced Developmental Psychology with Lab

\_\_\_ I understand that I must complete 9 elective hours in Psychology at the 300- level and above

\_\_\_ I understand that most courses at the Psyc 351 and above level have prerequisites which include, but are not limited to: Psyc 103, Psyc 211 and Psyc 220 (or Psyc 250)

\_\_\_ I understand that to fulfill my Psychology natural science requirement I must successfully complete 8 hrs of an introductory or higher sequence in either Biology, Chemistry, or Physics, of which 2 hrs must be earned in the accompanying laboratories. (These courses may also be used to fulfill my general education natural science requirement.)

\_\_\_ I understand that to fulfill my Psychology mathematics requirement I must successfully complete 6 hrs of math classes at the level of Math 104 and above (with the exception of Math 140). Honors math courses also fulfill this requirement as long as they are calculus classes or have calculus as a prerequisite. (Math and Honors math courses may also be used to fulfill my general education math requirement.)

\_\_\_ I understand that I would be better prepared for my methodology coursework in Psychology (e.g., Psyc 211, Psyc 220, Psyc 46x), if I have completed one or more of my math courses prior to enrolling in these Psychology classes

\_\_\_ I understand that if I opt to take courses at another institution and have these credits transfer to the College of Charleston, I must have these courses approved by the Registrar's Office before I enroll in them

\_\_\_ I understand that at least 15 hours in the major at the 200-level or above must be earned at the College of Charleston

\_\_\_ I understand that it is my responsibility to enroll in classes in a timely fashion, and that if I do not do this, my graduation date may be extended.