

BA 2 Year Planner for Transfer Students

Psychology Department

San José State University

This document outlines courses a transfer student can take to complete the Psychology BA degree requirements. This planner is a useful guide, but they should be used in consultation with Department Psychology Advisors to address each student's individual circumstances. Some useful links on the department website are [BA in Psychology](#), [Advising Hours](#), and [Building Your Course Schedule for Upper Division & Transfer Students](#).

2 Year Planner Overview

This planner contains a general **BA 2 Year Roadmap** for transfer students (p. 2) and **two sample 2 Year Schedules** (p. 3 – 4)

The Roadmap and sample schedules assume that you...

- are transferring with 60 semester hours.
- have completed your Core Lower Division GE and American Institutions requirements.
- have completed two separate Physical Education experiences at your community college.

Psychology 100W and the Upper Division Writing Self-Directed Placement

Psychology 100W is a required course in the BA degree and we recommend taking it in your first (preferred) or second semester at SJSU. First, complete the [Upper Division Writing Directed Self-Placement](#) and decide if you are ready for 100W, or want to first take 100A to further prepare for advanced academic writing. You can graduate in two years with whichever path you choose.

- If you choose to take PSYC 100W and meet the other [prerequisites](#), see *Sample Schedule #1*
- If you choose to first take 100A, see *Sample Schedule #2*.

Additional considerations when building your 2 year schedule are...

- a maximum of 70 community college (lower division) units can contribute to the required 120 units for graduation.
- Up three units of a Psychology course (PSY or PSYC prefix) at your community college may count toward the Psychology Electives requirement, but **not** upper division core requirements (see courses listed in green box on pg. 2)
- if you attended a college on the quarter system, meet with an advisor to discuss how to convert the your psychology quarter units into semester units (i.e., multiply quarter units by .67).

Semester 1 Class Registration Tips

- Take 100W if you are ready for it based on [Upper Division Writing Directed Self-Placement](#) as it is a prerequisite for PSYC 118 and 190/195.
- Do **NOT** register for PSYC 118 or 190/195 in your first semester
 - Take PSYC 118 after 100W is completed; Take PSYC 190/195 after 118 is completed
- If you are missing BIOL 21/65 (with lab), PSYC 18, and/or PSYC 30, take these as soon as possible.
 - Note you can take these at a community college as well.
- Take 3-4 Psychology upper division required courses (see courses listed in green boxes on pg. 2)
- If you have trouble enrolling in enough psychology courses, you can still make progress toward your degree by:
 - Taking university electives to fill out your schedule but see an advisor for guidance.
 - You can take courses to fulfill [Upper Division General Education](#) requirements.
- Become comfortable using [MyProgress](#), [MyPlanner](#), and [MyScheduler](#).
- **See an advisor for guidance on your specific scheduling requirements and needs.**

Psychology BA 2 Year Roadmap

Before you start at SJSU

Learn to use [MyProgress](#),
[MyPlanner](#), & [MyScheduler](#)
Semester 1 Registration
Attend Transfer Orientation
Meet with a Psychology Advisor

PSYC 001 Introduction to Psychology

STAT 95 Elementary Statistics

BIOL 21/65 Human Biology (with lab)

**Lower division coursework
can be taken at a
community college**

PSYC 018 Introduction to Research Methods

PSYC 030 Introductory Psychobiology

Semester 1

Meet with an advisor to discuss
course choices and sequence

Remaining lower division
coursework can be taken in
Semester 1 - 2 if needed

Semester 2

[Apply for graduation](#) for priority
registration.

Semester 3

Check [MyProgress](#) for outstanding
requirements; Meet with an
advisor to verify progress to
degree.

Semester 4

Check your email for
[commencement](#) information (there
are separate ceremonies for Fall and
Spring graduates).

**Core Required Courses:
Take in sequence
(after prerequisites met)**

[Take Writing Self-Directed Placement](#)

Ready for 100W

Enhance Academic
Writing Skills

PSYC 100W Writing
Workshop

ENGL 100A or
LLD 100A

PSYC 118 Advanced
Research Methods

PSYC 100W Writing
Workshop

**Strongly
Recommended:**
Take 118 and 190/195
in different semesters.

PSYC 118 Advanced
Research Methods

Capstone (Take 1)

PSYC 190 Current Issues Capstone
PSYC 195 Honors Seminar

**Core Required Courses:
Can take any semester
(after prerequisites met)**

Developmental (Take 1)

PSYC 102 Psychology of Childhood
PSYC 112 Psychology of Adolescence
PSYC 114 Psychology of Aging

Psychopathology (Take 1)

PSYC 110 Adult Psychopathology
PSYC 142 Child Psychopathology

Social and Personality (Take 1)

PSYC 139 Personality
PSYC 154 Social Psychology

Cognition, Brain, & Behavior (Take 2)

PSYC 135 Cognition
PSYC 155 Learning
PSYC 158 Perception
PSYC 129 Neuroscience

Assessment (Take 1)

PSYC 117 Tests and Measures
STAT 115 Intermediate Stat

Engagement (Take 1)

PSYC 148, PSYC 194, COMM 157SL,
LING 161 ([additional UD courses qualify](#))

Psychology Electives (Take 3)

upper or lower division (3 units)
upper division (3 units)
upper division (3 units)

Prerequisite

PSYC 001 or equivalent

PSYC 129 Prerequisite

PSYC 001 or equivalent;
PSYC 30 & 3 BIO units or
9 BIO units.

Prerequisite

STAT 95 or equivalent

Prerequisite

Generally PSYC 001
or equivalent, but see
the [course catalog](#) for
specific prerequisites.

**Other: Can take any semester
(after prerequisites met)**

General Education Upper
Division Requirements

[UD Area 2/5](#)
[UD Area 3](#)
[UD Area 4](#)

Can take PSYC 191 Psychology of Prejudice to
cover Area 4 & an upper division Psychology
Elective

University Electives

variable units to reach minimum 120

Physical Education (PE, 2)

American Institutions (if not complet-
ed as part of lower division GE)

Important Notes

It is important to meet with a Psy-
chology Major Advisor for detailed
guidance at various points during
your time at SJSU.
This handout is a general guide to the
Psychology BA, starting Fall 2019.
See [course catalog](#) for course descrip-
tions and full lists prerequisites.

SAMPLE: 2 YEAR SCHEDULE #1
Completed the WST Self-Directed Placement and Choosing Psychology 100W

Year	Semester 1		Semester 2	
1 (Junior)	Course or Requirement	Units	Course or Requirement	Units
	PSYC 100W	3	PSYC 118	3
	PSYC 102, 112, or 114	3	PSYC 117 or STAT 115	3
	PSYC 110 or 142	3	PSYC 135, 155, 158, or 129*	3
	PSYC 139 or 154	3	GE Upper Division , e.g. Area 3 (e.g. POLS 170V)	3
	<i>If needed:</i> BIOL 21/BIOL 65 [or PSYC 30] <i>Otherwise:</i> University Elective	3	<i>If needed:</i> PSYC 30 <i>Otherwise:</i> University Elective	3
	<i>If needed:</i> PE	1		
	Total Semester Units:	16	Total Semester Units:	15
	Meet with an advisor to discuss which course choices are best for you.		Apply for graduation by mid-semester for priority registration. Visit our Graduation Information page for additional support.	

Year	Semester 3		Semester 4	
2 (Senior)	Course or Requirement	Units	Course or Requirement	Units
	PSYC 135, 155, 158, or 129*	3	PSYC 190 or 195	3
	Psychology Elective (UD or LD)	3	Psychology Elective (UD)	3
	Psychology Elective (UD)	3	GE Upper Division , e.g. Area 2/5	3
	GE Upper Division , e.g. Area 4 (e.g. PSYC 191)	3	University Elective	3
	Psychology Engagement Course (see catalog for options)	3	University Elective	1
	<i>If needed:</i> PE	1	<i>If needed:</i> extra units (120 total needed to graduate)	Variable
	Total Semester Units:	16	Total Semester Units:	13
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UD = Upper Division

LD = Lower Division

* Students need to take 2 courses from the following: PSYC 135, 155, 158, or 129

This is a sample schedule. There are other paths to complete the major. Please see an advisor for additional guidance on your specific scheduling requirements and needs.

SAMPLE: 2 YEAR SCHEDULE #2
Completed the WST Self-Directed Placement and Choosing 100A before 100W

Year	Semester 1		Semester 2	
1 (Junior)	Course or Requirement	Units	Course or Requirement	Units
	ENGL 100A or LLD 100A	3	PSYC 100W	3
	PSYC 102, 112, or 114	3	PSYC 117 or STAT 115	3
	PSYC 110 or 142	3	PSYC 135, 155, 158, or 129*	3
	PSYC 139 or 154	3	GE Upper Division , e.g. Area 3 (e.g. POLS 170V)	3
	<i>If needed:</i> BIOL 21/BIOL 65 [or PSYC 30] <i>Otherwise:</i> University Elective	3	<i>If needed:</i> PSYC 30 <i>Otherwise:</i> University Elective	3
	<i>If needed:</i> PE	1		
	Total Semester Units:	16	Total Semester Units:	15
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	Psychology Elective (UD or LD)	3	Psychology Elective (UD)	3
	Psychology Engagement Course (see catalog for options)	3	GE Upper Division , e.g. Area 2/5	3
	GE Upper Division , e.g. Area 4 (e.g. PSYC 191)	3	University Elective	1
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