Interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in Psychology at the University of Maryland, College Park? Here are the specifications and prerequisites you should know. If you have any questions, please feel free to meet with any of the faculty in the Psychology department at Montgomery College -- we are more than happy to help you with your academic planning.

**Prerequisites**

In order to be accepted as a Psychology major at UMCP, you will need to complete the following courses:

- **PY102 General Psychology**, with a grade of B or higher *(transfers as PSYC 100)*
- **One** of the following math courses:
  - MA113 Intro to Probability *(transfers as MATH 111)*
  - MA160 Elem Applied Calculus *(transfers as MATH 220)*
  - MA181 Calculus I *(transfers as MATH 140)*
- **One** of the following science courses:
  - BI107 Principles of Biology *(transfers as BSCI 105)*
  - BI108 Principles of Biology II *(transfers as BSCI 106)*
  - CH101 Principles of Chemistry *(transfers as CHEM 131/132)*
  - PH203 General Physics (non-engineering) *(transfers as PHYS 121)*

**NOTE:** For the math and science prerequisites, you must have a grade of B or higher in one (either the math or the science class) and a grade of C or higher in the other.

**NOTE** that you may only repeat one of these gateway/prerequisite courses to earn the required grade, and that course may only be repeated once (a "W" grade counts as an attempt). For example, let's say you got a C in PY102 General Psychology the first time and took it again to get a B. Then if you took BI107 Principles of Biology and got a D, you would need to take a *different* lab science class from the above list and get a C or better -- you couldn't just retake BI107 to get a better grade.

You must also have minimum grade point average of 2.7 in all coursework.

Because the Psychology major is a limited enrollment program (LEP) at UMCP, you can only apply once. If your application does not meet the requirements, you will not be allowed to apply again. If accepted, you must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to stay in the major.

*NOTE:* If you have Advanced Placement credit for PY102 *(AP score of 4 or 5)*, you will need to complete PY211 Social Psychology with a grade of B or higher *(transfers as PSYC 221)* before applying to be a Psychology major at UMCP.
Psychology Major Requirements (UMCP)

Psychology majors at UMCP must complete at least 11 course (35 credits) in order to earn their degree in Psychology. The courses are:

- **PSYC 100** Introduction to Psychology *(equivalent to PY102 General Psychology at MC)*
- **PSYC 200** Statistical Methods in Psychology *(must be taken at UMCP, not offered at MC)*
- **PSYC 300** Research Methods in Psychology *(must be taken at UMCP, not offered at MC)*
- A minimum of 2 courses from each of three thematic areas *(see below for MC offerings)*:
  - Mind, Brain, & Behavior
  - Mental Health and Interventions
  - Social, Developmental, & Organizational Processes
- Two 400 level non-lab courses *(must be taken at UMCP, not offered at MC)*
- Two 400 level lab courses *(must be taken at UMCP, not offered at MC)*

The following 200-level MC Psychology classes **transfer to the UMCP Psychology major**:

- In the Mind, Brain, & Behavior area:
  - **PY215** Child Psychology *(transfers as PSYC 355 Developmental Psychology)*
- In the Mental Health and Interventions area:
  - **PY221** Intro to Abnormal Psychology *(transfers as PSYC 353 Abnormal Psychology)*
  - **PY204** Intro to the Psychology of Personality *(transfers as PSYC 235 Personality Theories)*
- In the Social, Developmental, & Organizational Processes area:
  - **PY206** Psychology of Human Sexuality *(transfers as PSYC 332 Psychology of Human Sexuality)*
  - **PY207** Psychology of Women *(transfers as PSYC 336 Psychology of Women)*
  - **PY211** Social Psychology *(transfers as PSYC 221 Social Psychology)*
  - **PY216** Adolescent Psychology *(transfers as PSYC 356 Psychology of Adolescence)*
  - **PY224** Cultural Psychology *(transfers as PSYC 354 Cross-Cultural Psychology)*

NOTE that if you take more than two courses in one thematic area, some of those credits may transfer as electives, rather than being counted toward the psychology major.

NOTE that **PY203 Human Growth & Development, PY213 Criminal and Legal Psychology, and PY227 Educational Psychology do not transfer** as psychology courses at UMCP (they will transfer as lower-level electives).

NOTE that once you transfer to UMCP and have been accepted as a psychology major, you must take all of your psychology courses at the University of Maryland. You won't be able to come back and take psychology courses at MC and apply them toward your major without special permission.

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