

BA 4 Year Planner

Psychology Department

San José State University

This document outlines courses a 4 year 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](#), [Building Your Course Schedule for Lower Division Students](#), and [Building Your Course Schedule for Upper Division & Transfer Students](#).

4 Year Planner Overview

This planner contains an general **BA 4 Year Roadmap** (p. 2) and a **Sample 4 Year Schedule** (p. 3).

The overview of the BA in Psychology degree requirements illustrates

- The courses you need to take to fulfill the Psychology BA degree.
 - The [psychology course catalog lists](#) all psychology courses and their prerequisites.
 - The [psychology syllabus archive](#) can give you more detailed information about course content, expectations, and so forth.
- The *general* sequence in which courses should be taken, but note that there are many paths you can take to completing your degree.
 - PSYC 1 is a prerequisite for upper division psychology courses (course # 100 or above)
 - STAT 95, PSYC 18, and/or BIOL 21/65 are prerequisites for some upper division courses.
 - PSYC 100W is required for PSYC 118. PSYC 118 is a pre/corequisite for PSYC 190. We recommend that these courses be taken in separate semesters. See psychology advisers for additional details

Sample 4 Year Planner

- Is an advising tool that outlines **one sample path** of courses a student can take to complete requirements for graduation, but there are many paths one can take to complete our psychology degree. This planner should be used in consultation with the catalog and your department advisers to identify additional requirements for completing the major.

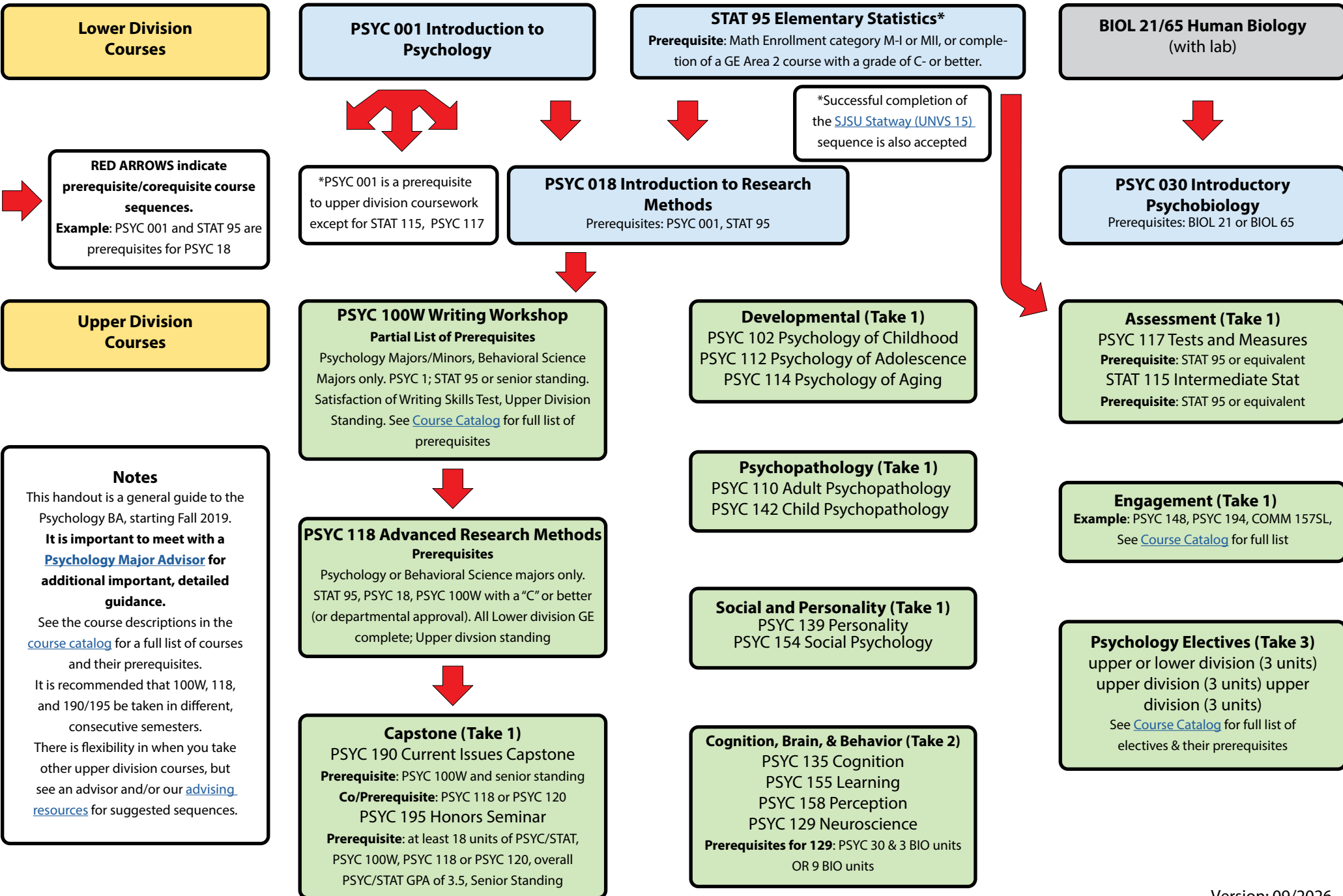
Making Timely Progress to Your Degree

There are many resources at SJSU to help guide you to making timely progress to your degree. A few of these resources are:

- [ACCESS Center advisers](#). The *Academic Counseling Center for Excellence in the Social Sciences* (ACCESS) provides General Education advising for undergraduate students majoring in any of the departments in the College of Social Sciences (CoSS). ACCESS advisers can assist you with Academic Planning, Graduation Planning, Mandatory Freshman Advising, Probation Advising
- [Psychology major advisers](#). Psychology major advisers can provide detailed guidance on how to make timely progress to your psychology degree, help you with psychology-related minors, career advice, and also provide general advising.
- Become comfortable using [MyProgress](#), [MyPlanner](#), and [MyScheduler](#).
- **See an advisor for guidance on your specific scheduling requirements and needs.**

Other useful links: [Psychology Course Catalog](#), [Syllabi Archives](#), [ACCESS Advising](#), [Lower Division GE Requirements](#), & [Upper Division GE Requirements](#)

Psychology BA 4 Year Roadmap



SAMPLE: 4 YEAR SCHEDULE

Year 1, Fall Semester		Year 1, Spring Semester	
Course or Requirement	Units	Course or Requirement	Units
PSYC 1 (GE Area 4)	3	BIOL 21 or BIOL 65 (GE Area 5B+5C)	3
GE Area 1A	3	STAT 95 (GE Area 2)	3
GE Area 1C	3	GE Area 1B	3
American Institutions (GE Area 4)	3	American Institutions	3
GE Area 6	3	GE Area 3A	3
Total Semester Units:	15	Total Semester Units:	15
Year 2, Fall Semester		Year 2, Spring Semester	
Course or Requirement	Units	Course or Requirement	Units
PSYC 18	3	PSYC 102, 112, or 114	3
PSYC 30	3	PSYC 110, or 142	3
GE 5A	3	University Elective	3
GE 3B	3	University Elective	3
University Elective	3	University Elective	3
PE	1	PE	1
Total Semester Units:	16	Total Semester Units:	16
Year 3, Fall Semester		Year 3, Spring Semester	
Course or Requirement	Units	Course or Requirement	Units
PSYC 100W	3	PSYC 118	3
PSYC 139 or 154	3	PSYC 117 or STAT 115	3
PSYC 135, 155, 158, or 129*	3	PSYC 135, 155, 158, or 129*	3
University Elective	3	GE Upper Division , e.g. Area 3 (e.g. POLS 170V)	3
University Elective	3	University Elective	3
Total Semester Units:	15	Total Semester Units:	15
Apply for graduation by mid-semester for priority registration. Visit our Graduation Information page for additional support.			
Year 4, Fall Semester		Year 4, Spring Semester	
Course or Requirement	Units	Course or Requirement	Units
Psychology Elective (UD or LD)	3	PSYC 190 or 195	3
Psychology Elective (UD)	3	Psychology Elective (UD)	3
GE Upper Division , e.g. Area 4 (e.g. PSYC 191)	3	GE Upper Division , e.g. Area 2/5	3
Psychology Engagement Course (see catalog for options)	3	University Elective	3
University Elective	3	University Elective	1
		If needed: extra units (120 total needed to graduate)	Variable
Total Semester Units:	15	Total Semester Units:	13
Check MyProgress for outstanding requirements; Meet with an advisor to verify progress to degree. Check your email for commencement information (there are separate ceremonies for Fall and Spring graduates).			

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.