

Psychology Major Experiential Major Map for BA and BS Degrees (There are other pathways for this major — be sure to speak with a psychology advisor.)

GET THE COURSES	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four
YOU NEED	FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS	FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS	FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS	FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS
128 + 4 Short Terms for the BA and 140 + 4 Short Terms for the BS	 PSY 141: Intro to Psych (A 4 or 5 on the AP Psych exam may satisfy this.) After PSY 141, you can take most other PSY courses. 	 PSY 205+L: Research Design and Lab¹ PSY 208: Research Statistics PSY 210: Research Practicum (for BS; can take junior year) Other PSY courses in different concentration areas 	 PSY 210: Research Practicum (for BS, if not taken sophomore year) Other PSY courses in different concentration areas 	 Fall semester, PSY 450: Senior Seminar (senior capstone course) BS students, PSY 290/390: Independent Study OR PSY 490: Senior Honors Thesis Other PSY courses in different concentration areas
BE INVOLVED AND JOIN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES	 Attend the psychology department meeting at the beginning of the year. Attend guest lectures sponsored by the department. Go to the club fair. Participate in Senate and SGA. Attend the Hollins Student Conference (SPARC) every year! 	 Travel to neighboring campuses for lectures and events. Show school spirit and go to sporting events. Attend student readings and other student-led activities. 	 Take part in traditions like Tinker Day (every year) and Ring Night. Consider leadership positions such as Student Success Leader, Student Government Association, or Orientation Team. 	 Take part in 100th Night! Mentor a new student. Consider leadership positions such as global ambassadors, career connectors, tutors, International Student Orientation Program, or Early Transition Program mentor.
EXPAND YOUR INTERCULTURAL AND GLOBAL HORIZONS	 Consider Model UN, Model Arab League, Black Student Alliance, the Unión de Estudiantes LatinX, the Sexuality and Gender Alliance. Attend Cultural & Community Engagement and Office of Inclusivity and Diversity events. 	 Apply to study abroad (Jamaica, Short Term, semester) or study away. Take a sustained dialogue class. Participate in the Diversity Monologue Troupe. Consider a J-Term language immersion program. 	 Participate in a COIL project or consider an international internship. Study abroad for a semester and/or apply for summer opportunities such as Fulbright UK Summer Institute and Critical Language Scholarship. 	 Consider applying for Fulbright, Rhodes, Marshall, Gates Cambridge, or other international scholarships.
GAIN RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	 Attend C3. Create LinkedIn and Handshake accounts. Visit the Career Center and meet with a career counselor. Apply for a first-year J-Term internship. Take a leadership course or consider a leadership certificate. Attend Hollins Science Seminar lectures and poster session in the spring to learn about student research projects in the sciences. 	 Attend Career Center workshops. Apply for a Signature or independent internship. Talk with your advisor about funding for research projects, or attending conferences. Look into research opportunities in a lab or through PSY 210, 290, or 390. Take PSY 281: Professional Development in Psychology (can be done junior year). 	 Meet with your advisor about career goals; talk to professors about their research to learn about opportunities. Students in the clinical/counseling concentration complete required field placement. Look into summer research opportunities on campus or at another university. Check out Hollins partnerships with graduate schools. 	 Explore professional organizations and student membership options. Prepare for graduate school admission and tests. Attend a job fair. Attend the Alumnae Board's preprofessional networking events. Present your research at the Hollins Science Seminar Poster Session (any year). Consider applying to research positions to gain experience if you plan to take time off before grad school.
ADD TOOLS TO YOUR LIFE BELT	Develop a self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, develop time management skills	Hone your self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, embrace financial literacy	Expand your self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, embrace financial literacy	Embrace your self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, embrace financial literacy

1 It is best to take the core research courses (PSY 205+L and 208) early in your college career. They will help you understand material from other classes and can act as a springboard for your own research.