

**TRANSFER PLANNING INFORMATION**  
**PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT**  
**BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY**



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Thank you for your interest in potentially transferring to the Psychology Department at Buffalo State University.

Below is a list of the resources and important things to consider when planning your transfer. You should note that not every course from every institution will directly transfer to Buffalo State. This highlights the importance of planning your transfer in advance whenever possible.

- The **Transfer Articulation page** is an important resource to investigate which courses at your institution will transfer to Buffalo State:

[https://banner.buffalostate.edu/pls/PROD/ywsktrar.P\\_Dispatch](https://banner.buffalostate.edu/pls/PROD/ywsktrar.P_Dispatch)

Simply select the state and then institution from the dropdown menus, and you will be provided a comprehensive list of courses and their potential transfer equivalents. If a course is not on that list, you may still be able to file a transfer appeal once you are accepted at BSU, to have that course re-evaluated for equivalency.

- You should also consult **Buffalo State University's Transfer Student website**, which has a wealth of information to help with your decision to transfer, as well as details of the transfer application/process:

<https://suny.buffalostate.edu/admissions/transfer#:~:text=Transfer%20Student%20Resources,may%20be%20eligible%20for%20transfer>

Be sure to note that there are different things to consider if you are transferring from a 2-year vs a 4-year institution. ***Please note that the Psychology Department does not make decisions on acceptance of transfer students. Similarly we do not make initial decisions on transfer of credits. These are done by our Admissions Office.***

- A special note for those transferring from a SUNY school. **The SUNY Transfer Paths** represent common lower division requirements shared by all SUNY campuses. As a result, the following PSY courses taken at any SUNY school will transfer to PSY at Buffalo State: *Abnormal, Social, Developmental (Lifespan, Adolescent, Childhood), and Behavioral Statistics (this must be Psychology specific and reach of level of ANOVA; see the specific details regarding statistics on the next page)*  
[https://www.suny.edu/attend/get-started/transfer-students/suny-transfer-paths/pdf/transferSUNY\\_Psychology.pdf](https://www.suny.edu/attend/get-started/transfer-students/suny-transfer-paths/pdf/transferSUNY_Psychology.pdf)
- Be sure to follow the steps provided by the university (especially registering for the Transfer Orientation and completing the Pre-Registration tutorial.....these are extremely important steps). You should also follow that up by contacting your academic advisor to examine your longer-term plans for the major and your future plans in the discipline.

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## Planning Your Transfer

You should try to plan and prepare for your transfer as early as possible. Below are some courses that are valuable for those transferring to PSY at Buffalo State. We highly recommend that you **work with your advisors** at your home institution to find courses that are transferrable for the following:

MAT 114 or higher	This is a prerequisite for our PSY 350 Statistics course (mandatory for all PSY majors at BSU) so it is highly advisable that you take a course at your institution that matches one of these options. Please note that even if your course meets the BSU Math/Quant Reasoning requirement, it will not meet our statistics prerequisite unless it transfers specifically as a MAT course and is numbered 114 or higher. <i>* Note that individual exceptions can be made for Algebra courses similar to MAT110 at BSU upon review by the PSY department.</i>
CWP 101 and CWP 102	CWP 102 is required to register for PSY 450 Research Methods (mandatory for all PSY majors at BSU) so any course that you can take that matches this is highly recommended. Note CWP 101 is a prerequisite for CWP 102.
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	While it is <u>not</u> mandatory to have taken an Introduction to Psychology course at your previous institution, it is highly advisable given that this is the prerequisite for all other PSY courses at BSU. If you do not transfer an equivalent to PSY 101, you will need to take this course at BSU in your first semester. Note that a minimum grade of C is required, even if transferring this course.
PSY 350 Statistics	This <u>must</u> be a Psychology specific statistics course (this excludes those taught by other disciplines including math). If you are transferring from a 2-year institution, please note that it is highly unlikely that your institution offers a course that reaches the level of PSY 350. In order to transfer, the course at your institution must cover up to Regressions and two-way ANOVAs. If you are transferring from a 4-year institution, please consult the Transfer Articulation web site listed above to verify transferability of this course.
PSY 450 Research Methods	There will be no equivalent for this course at a 2-year institution. If you are transferring from a 4-year institution, please consult the Transfer Articulation web site to verify transferability of this course. In order to transfer, the course at your institution must be a senior level course, and must also cover research ethics, involve data collection/analysis, individual write-up of research studies in APA format, and presentations of research outcomes.
300 level elective PSY courses	Many institutions offer 300 level PSY courses that are equivalent and will transfer specifically to BSU. However, some 300 level courses will not transfer as a specific PSY course because: 1) we do not offer that particular course or anything similar, 2) it would not be considered a 300 level course here at BSU, or 3) it is missing major/important elements that are considered necessary to be equivalent to our course (including a writing element, short answer tests, certain course content). In these cases, a course may be accepted as a PSY1XX course (the credits are accepted, but not as a specific course in our department). Please consult the Transfer Articulation web site to verify transferability of this course.
400 level elective PSY courses	If you are transferring from a 2-year institution, your courses will <u>not</u> transfer as the equivalent of 400 level courses at BSU. If you are transferring from a 4-year institution, some 400 level courses might not transfer as a specific course at BSU because: 1) we do not offer that particular course or anything similar, 2) it would not be considered a 400 level course here at BSU, or 3) it is missing major/important elements that are considered necessary to be equivalent to our course (including a significant writing element, short answer tests, certain course content). In these cases, a course may be accepted as a PSY1XX course (the credits are accepted, but not as a specific course in our department). Please consult the Transfer Articulation web site to verify transferability of this course.

In closing: We hope you join us as a student in the Psychology Department at Buffalo State University and look forward to being part of your academic development and success!