

How do Psychology Majors Navigate REAL?

What is REAL?

At a very broad level, the REAL General Education Curriculum is Radford University's general education model. In contrast to traditional general education models, where general education requirements are typically separate from other graduation requirements, REAL allows you to meet the general education requirements within your major(s) and through additional minors that you select. The name REAL reflects the major academic areas covered in the model: R (Scientific and Quantitative **R**easoning), E (Humanistic or Artistic **E**xpression), A (Cultural or Behavioral **A**nalysis), and L (Applied **L**earning).

What are the Requirements for REAL?

Foundational Requirements

- English 111
- Math 100, 121, or 125 (you need one of these). Psychology Majors are encouraged to take Math 100 or 125

Writing Intensive (WI) Requirements

- 6 Hours of WI Courses
- For psychology majors we encourage students to take the following:
 - ENGL 112
 - PSYC 491 (which is a required part of the major).

Competency Areas (REAL)

- Quantitative and Scientific **R**easoning (R)
- Humanistic or Artistic **E**xpression (E)
- Cultural or Behavioral **A**nalysis (A)
- Applied **L**earning (L)

Additional Requirements:

- At least 30 hours of courses that are labeled as General Education (GE). These will most likely be completed as you complete the other REAL requirements.

How do I Complete the Requirements for REAL?

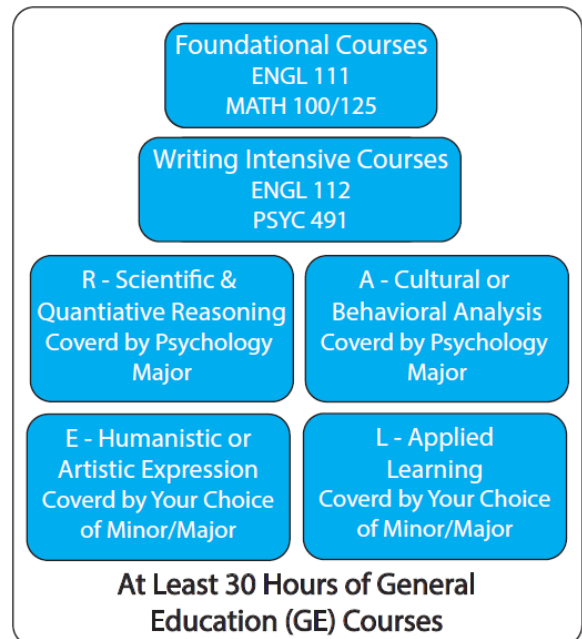
Foundational Requirements:

- Most students will take ENGL 111 and MATH 100/125 in the first semester of their freshman year.

WI Requirements:

- Most students will take ENGL 112 in the second semester of their freshman year.
- The second WI requirement will be completed within the Major. PSYC 491 (Research Topics in Psychology) is a major requirement and covers the WI requirement.

REAL Areas:



- The four REAL Areas are each met by completing Majors or Minors that are associated with the respective areas.
- Psychology Majors will complete the R and A within the psychology major.
- Psychology Majors will then need to complete an additional program (major or minor) or programs to complete the E and L areas (See Appendix A).
 - This can be accomplished in one of four ways, and each option leaves you with a different range of “free hours” that you can apply to an additional major, minors, or electives courses
 - 1) Declare two minors: one that covers E and one that covers L. (23-34 Free Hours)
 - 2) Declare a minor that covers both E and L. (42-49 Free Hours)
 - 3) Declare a second major that covers both E and L. (5-31 Free Hours)
 - 4) Declare a second major that covers one letter and a minor that covers the other. (5-13 Free Hours)
- APPENDIX B shows four different Four-Year Programs of Study for Psychology Majors that correspond to these options.

30 hours of General Education (GE) Credits:

- Between the foundational requirements, your major, other degree programs you use to complete REAL, and other classes you take, you will most likely complete the 30-hour GE requirement easily before graduation.
- For psychology majors, 18 of the 30 hours of GE will be covered by ENGL 111, ENGL 112, MATH (100, 121, or 125), STAT 200, PSYC 121, and PSYC 230 or 317.
- Psychology majors will need to make sure they take at least 12 additional hours (approximately 4 classes) that are GE classes. Again, you will likely pick these up as you complete the E and L areas of REAL.
- See below for directions on finding classes listed GE.

You can use the Psychology REAL Work Sheet at the end of this guide to help keep track of the classes.

Where can I find Majors and Minors that Cover REAL Areas?

- APPENDIX A provides a list of potential majors and minors that cover E, L, or both for the 2023-2024 catalog year.
- The Psychology Department also maintains spreadsheets that provide searchable and sortable lists of Majors and Minors and the areas of REAL they cover. There is a separate spreadsheet for each catalog year. Be sure you are using the list that corresponds to your catalog year (usually this the year you started at RU/RUC). Your degree audit will list your catalog year. The spreadsheets can be downloaded here: [2021-2022 Catalog](#), [2022-2023 Catalog](#), [2023-2024 Catalog](#).
- The Undergraduate Catalog also lists real information about programs and their role in REAL. Be sure that you are using the catalog year that matches the year listed in your degree audit (usually this is the year that you started at RU).

Where can I find courses that count as GE and cover one of the R, E, A, or L areas?

- The Psychology Department maintains spreadsheet that provide searchable and sortable lists of GE, R, E, A, and L courses. There is a separate spreadsheet for each catalog year. Be sure you are using the list that corresponds to your catalog year (usually this the year you started at RU/RUC). Your degree audit will list your catalog year. REAL Spreadsheets can be accessed here: [2021-2022 Catalog](#), [2022-2023 Catalog](#), [2023-2024 Catalog](#).
- The Undergraduate Catalog will also show whether a class counts as GE and covers a REAL area. Be sure that you are using the catalog year that matches the year listed in your degree audit (usually this is the year that you started at RU/RUC)
- You can also search the [online course schedule](#) to find the GE and REAL classes which are offered in a given semester. After you select the semester (Term), you can select Advanced Search. Next, you can choose one or more of the following from the **Attribute** options: Applied Learning (L), Cultural/Behav Analysis (A), Genera Education (GE), Human/Artistic Expression (E), or Scientific/Qant Reasoning (R).

What if I don't find Majors/Minors that I want to Complete?

- You can create your own Custom REAL Studies Minors to cover the E or L areas.
 - For the REAL Studies Minor in Humanistic or Artistic Expression (E), take 15 hours of courses listed as E. The courses must come from at least two different course-prefixes (e.g., ENGL and ART - keep in mind that ENGL 112 will count here.). Also, at least one course must be 300 level or higher.
 - For the REAL Studies Minor in Applied Learning (L), take 15 hours of courses listed as L. The courses must come from at least two different course-prefixes (e.g., POSC and PSYC – keep in mind that PSYC 491 counts as an L and is part of the psychology major). Also, at least one course must be 300 level or higher (Again, PSYC 491 will cover this requirement and count toward the major).
 - Also, be aware that you cannot double count credits from another minor within a REAL Studies Minor. For example, you cannot have an English minor and use the same English courses to complete a REAL Studies Minor in Humanistic or Artistic Expression (E).

How do I Declare a Minor?

- To declare a minor (including minors for REAL and the custom REAL Studies Minors), go to OneCampus and type in the word “minor,” select the Minor Declaration app, and follow the instructions there. You do NOT need to email the department or anyone else, though you should probably consult your advisor about which minor(s) you want to declare.

Will I have time to take other Minors or Majors that I want, regardless of how they work with REAL?

- Most likely, you will have time to take addition minors or 2nd majors after completing reals. However, it will depend on how you choose to complete the REAL areas—you may have very few free hours or you may have a great number of free hours—and on how many credits the additional minor/2nd Major require.

- Choosing a minor that covers both E & L, will give you the greatest flexibility later. Other options may be more constraining.

How does REAL work if I am Transferring Credit (including dual enrollment credits)?

The answer to this question depends on how you answer the next question.

Do you have an Associate's degree?

Yes, I have an Associate's degree.

If you have an Associate's degree, then the REAL General Education requirements may be waived. Many Associate's degrees from Virginia Community College System (VACCs) schools will satisfy all REAL requirements. These degrees include: Associates of Arts, Associates of Science, or Associates of Art and Science; also, Associate of General Studies from approved institutions. See the complete list of Institutions with Approved Associate Degree's that Waive RU General Education Requirements (below).

No, I do not have an Associate's degree (or my Associates Degree is not on the approved list).

If you DO NOT have an Associate's degree, then some part of the REAL General Education requirements will be waived depending on how many credit hours you have:

A. If you have 56 or more credits, then you **WAIVE THREE REAL AREAS.**

- You must complete a major, minor, or certificate that fulfills at least one area of REAL;
 - Your major covers this requirement.
- have at least 3 credit hours in each of the R, E, A, and L areas;
 - PSYC 121 will be your A.
 - STAT 200 will cover your R. Other Intro Level Science Courses may also cover this, e.g., BIOL 105, BIOL 131 CHEM 111
 - ENGL 112 will likely transfer in and cover E.
 - Common L Transfer Courses: COMS 114, CRJU 100, ITEC 100, FINC 251; PSYC 491 is also an L and can cover this once it is complete.
- each course covering the R, E, and A areas must also be labeled as General Education (GE).
 - The R, E, and A classes listed above are all GE course.
- All other REAL and GE requirements are waived.

B. If you have 36-55 credits, then you **WAIVE TWO REAL AREAS.**

- You must complete two areas of the REAL Curriculum;
 - Your major covers this requirement.
- have at least 3 hours of coursework in each R, E, A, and L areas;
 - PSYC 121 will be your A.
 - STAT 200 will cover your R. Other Intro Level Science Courses may also cover this, e.g., BIOL 105, BIOL 131 CHEM 111
 - ENGL 112 will be your E.

- Common L Transfer Courses: COMS 114, CRJU 100, ITEC 100, FINC 251; PSYC 491 is also an L and can cover this once it is complete.
 - each course covering the R, E, and A areas must also be labeled as General Education (GE).
 - The R, E, and A classes listed above are all GE course.
 - complete all other REAL Curriculum requirements [ENGL 111, MATH (100, 121, or 125), 30 hours of GE courses, and two WI courses].
- C. **If you have 15-35 credits**, then you **WAIVE ONE REAL AREA**.
- You must complete three areas of the REAL Curriculum;
 - Your major will cover two of the three areas.
 - You will need to choose whether you want to waive E or L.
 - have at least 3 credit hours of coursework in each R, E, A, and L area (R, E, and A courses must be GE designated);
 - PSYC 121 will be your A.
 - STAT 200 will cover your R. Other Intro Level Science Courses may also cover this, e.g., BIOL 105, BIOL 131 CHEM 111
 - If you choose to waive the E, ENGL 112 will cover E.
 - If you choose to waive the L, you may have transferred one of these common L Transfer Courses: COMS 114, CRJU 100, ITEC 100, FINC 251; PSYC 491 is also an L and can cover this once it is complete.
 - each course covering the R, E, and A areas must also be labeled as General Education (GE).
 - The R, E, and A classes listed above are all GE course.
 - complete all other REAL Curriculum requirements [ENGL 111, MATH (100, 121, or 125), 30 hours of GE courses, and two WI courses].
- D. **If you have fewer than 15 transfer credits**, then you must complete all of the REAL Curriculum.

What Institutions have Approved Associate's Degrees that Waive RU General Education Requirements?

Students who transfer with a **Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Transferable Associate Degree** (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Arts and Science) from a Virginia Community College; or students who have an **Associate of General Studies** from the institutions approved by SCHEV as satisfying the State Policy on Transfer) will satisfy all requirements for the REAL general education curriculum including the 30 credits of General Education courses.

Approved Institutions Associate of General Studies:

Central Virginia Community College
 Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
 Eastern Shore Community College
 Germanna Community College

John Tyler Community College
 J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
 Lord Fairfax Community College
 Mountain Empire Community College

New River Community College
Patrick Henry Community College
Piedmont Virginia Community College
Southside Virginia Community College
Southwest Virginia Community College
Tidewater Community College
Virginia Highlands Community College
Virginia Western Community College
Wytheville Community College

APPENDIX A: List of potential REAL E and L Minors and Majors (2023-2024 Catalog)**Area E Programs****Common Minors for Psyc. Majors Covering E**

History Minor (A, E)
 Professional Writing Minor (E)
 Literature and Expression Minor (E)
 Creative Writing Minor (E)
 Philosophy Minor (E)
 Ethics Minor (E)
 Religious Studies Minor (E)
 International Studies Minor (E, A)
 Legal Studies Minor (E)
 Social Justice Minor (E, A)
 Health Humanities Minor (E) – Includes Psychology courses
 Health and Aging Minor (E, A) – Includes Psychology courses
 Cultural Studies Minor (E, A)

Common Second Majors for Psyc. Majors Covering E

English BA/BS (E, A)
 History BA/BS (E, A)
 Social Science (E, A) – Teaching Certification
 Philosophy/Religious Studies (E)
 Music (Therapy, Business, & Education) BM (R, E, A)

Other Opportunities to Cover E

Art BS (E, A)
 Creative Arts and Design Minor (E)
 Design Studies Minors (E/E, A)
 GIS – Remote Sensing & Visualization Minor (E)
 Music Production Minor (E)
 Theater Minor (Performance Concentration) (E)

Area E & L Programs**Minors**

Leadership Minor (E, L)
 Spanish Minor (E, L)
 Wicked Problems (E, L)
 Dance Minor (E, L)
 Design Studies – Applied Design & Expression Minor (E, L)
 Music Industry Minor (E, L)
 Music Performance Minor (E, L)

Majors

Art (Education, Art History & Museum Studies) BA (E, A, L)
 Studio Art BFA (E, A, L)
 Graphic Design BFA (E, A, L)
 Music BS/BA (E, L)
 Dance BFA/BA (E, L)
 Dance Education BS (E, L)
 Design (Fashion Design, Interior Design, Fashion Merchandising, & Design Management) BS/BFA (E, A, L)
 Theatre, BA/BS (E, L)

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Area L Programs**Common Minors for Psyc. Majors Covering L**

Criminal Justice Minor (A, L)
 Forensic Studies Minor (L)
 Applied History Minor (L)
 Biology Minors (L/R, L)
 Business Administration Minor (A, L)
 Management Minor (L)
 Entrepreneurship Minor (L)
 Marketing Minor (A, L)
 Education Minor (A, L)

Common Second Majors for Psyc. Majors Covering L

Criminal Justice BA/BS (A, L)
 Biology BS (R, L)
 Sociology BA/BS (A, R)
 Media Studies/Advertising BA/BS (L, R)
 Communications - Public Relations BA/BS (L, R)
 Nursing BSN (R, A, L)
 Biomedical Sciences BS (R, L)
 Chemistry-Biochemistry (R, L)
 Chemistry-Forensics (R, L)
 Chemistry-Professional Chemist (R, L)
 Political Science BA/BS (A, L)
 Recreation Parks & Tourism BA/BS (A, L)
 Management BBA (R, A, L)
 Business Administration BBA (A, L) – online program.
 Marketing BBA (R, A, L)
 Math/Statistics BA/BS (A, L)
 Computer Science and Technology BS (R, L)
 Cybersecurity BS (R, L)
 Information Science and Systems BS (R, L)

Other Opportunities to Cover L

Information Systems Minor (L)
 Esports Services Minor (L)
 Accounting BBA (R, A, L)
 Finance, BBA (R, A, L)
 Dance Technique Minor (L)
 Design Studies in Applied Design and Culture Minor (A, L)
 Design Studies in Professional Practice Minor (L)
 Theatre Minor (Production Concentration) (L)
 Leadership & Military Science (L)
 Museum Studies Minor (L)
 Economics BBA (R, A, L)
 Applied Mathematics BS (R, L)
 Geology BA (General or Engineering and Environmental Science Concentration) (R, L)
 Geology BA (R, L)
 Geospatial Science BS/BA (R, L)
 GIS - Remote Sensing, and Data Analytics Minor (L)
 Allied Health Sciences BS (L)
 ESHE - Health & Exercise Science BS (A, L)
 Nutrition & Dietetics BS (A, L)
 Sports Management BS (A, L)
 Exercise, Sport and Health Education, B.S. (A, L) or (R, L)
 Coaching Minor (A, L)
 Emergency Services Minor (R, L)
 Physics and Astronomy BS (L)
 Social Work (A, L) – but the time issue is a challenge

APPENDIX B: Four-Year Program of Study Samples

Scenario 1: If completing Two Separate Minors for REAL Areas E and L (Assumes Minors are 18+ hrs.)

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall
ENGL 111	PSYC CORE (1 of 4)	PSYC 301	PSYC 491 (WI)
MATH 100 or 125	PSYC Elective	PSYC CORE (3 of 4)	Area E or General Elect.
PSYC 121	PSYC 222 (1 credit)	PSYC Elective	Area L or General Elect.
Area E Minor Course	Area E Minor Course	Area E Minor Course	General Elective
Area L Minor Course	Area L Minor Course	Area L Minor Course	General Elective
UNIV 100 (1 credit)	BA Req./General Elect.		
Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring
ENGL 112 (WI)	PSYC CORE (2 of 4)	PSYC 302	PSYC 470
STAT 200	PSYC Elective	PSYC CORE (4 of 4)	General Elective
General Elective	Area E Minor Course	Area E or General Elect.	General Elective
Area E Minor Course	Area L Minor Course	Area L or General Elect.	General Elective
Area L Minor Course	BA/BS Requirement	General Elective	General Elective

Note: UNIV 100 – recommended, but not required.

Classes listed as General Electives can be fulfilled by any course. In scenario 1, you will have between 23-31 hrs. that could be applied to an additional Minor(s), a Second Major, an internship, independent study, or other classes. For BA requirements, this scenario assumes they are not also counting toward a REAL Studies E Minor.

Scenario 2: If completing a Single Minor covering REAL Areas E and L (Assumes Minor is 18+ hrs.)

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall
ENGL 111	PSYC CORE (1 of 4)	PSYC 301	PSYC 491 (WI)
MATH 100 or 125	PSYC Elective	PSYC CORE (3 of 4)	General Elective
PSYC 121	PSYC 222 (1 credit)	PSYC Elective	General Elective
Area E/L Minor Course	Area E/L Minor Course	Area E/L or Gen. Elect.	General Elective
General Elective	Area E/L Minor Course	General Elective	General Elective
UNIV 100 (1 credit)	BA Req./General Elect.		
Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring
ENGL 112 (WI)	PSYC CORE (2 of 4)	PSYC 302	PSYC 470
STAT 200	PSYC Elective	PSYC CORE (4 of 4)	General Elective
Area E/L Minor Course	Area E/L Minor Course	General Elective	General Elective
Area E/L Minor Course	BA/BS Requirement	General Elective	General Elective
General Elective	General Elective	General Elective	General Elective

Note: UNIV 100 – recommended, but not required.

Classes listed as General Electives can be fulfilled by any course. In scenario 2, you will have between 42-49 hrs. that could be applied to an additional Minor(s), a Second Major, an internship, , independent study, or other classes. For BA requirements, this scenario assumes they are not also counting toward a REAL Studies E Minor.

Scenario 3: If completing a Second Major Covering E & L (Assumes Major is 36 hours)

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall
ENGL 111	PSYC CORE (1 of 4)	PSYC 301	PSYC 491 (WI)
MATH 100 or 125	PSYC Elective	PSYC CORE (3 of 4)	E & L 2 nd Major Course
PSYC 121	PSYC 222 (1 credit)	PSYC Elective	E & L 2 nd Major Course
General Elective	E & L 2 nd Major Course	E & L 2 nd Major Course	General Elective
E & L 2 nd Major Course	General Elective	General Elective	General Elective
UNIV 100 (1 credit)	General Elective		
Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring
ENGL 112 (WI)	PSYC CORE (2 of 4)	PSYC 302	PSYC 470
STAT 200	PSYC Elective	PSYC CORE (4 of 4)	E & L 2 nd Major Course
BA Req./General Elect.	E & L 2 nd Major Course	E & L 2 nd Major Course	E & L 2 nd Major Course
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General Elective	BA/BS Requirement	General Elective	General Elective

Note: UNIV 100 – recommended, but not required.

Classes listed as General Electives can be fulfilled by any course. In scenario 3, you will have between 5-31 hrs. that could be applied to an additional Minor(s), a Second Major, an internship, , independent study, or other classes. For BA requirements, this scenario assumes they are not also counting toward a REAL Studies E Minor.

Scenario 4: If completing a Second Major Covering E or L and a Minor to cover E or L Separately (Assumes Second Major is 36 hrs. and Minor is 18 hrs.)

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall
ENGL 111	PSYC CORE (1 of 4)	PSYC 301	PSYC 491 (WI)
MATH 100 or 125	PSYC Elective	PSYC CORE (3 of 4)	E or L 2 nd Major Course
PSYC 121	PSYC 222 (1 credit)	PSYC Elective	E or L 2 nd Major Course
E or L Minor Course	E or L Minor Course	E or L Minor Course	Area E/L or Gen. Elect.
E or L 2 nd Major Course	E or L Minor Course	E or L 2 nd Major Course	General Elective
UNIV 100 (1 credit)	E or L 2 nd Major Course		
Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring
ENGL 112 (WI)	PSYC CORE (2 of 4)	PSYC 302	PSYC 470
STAT 200	PSYC Elective	PSYC CORE (4 of 4)	E or L 2 nd Major Course
BA Req./General Elect.	BA/BS Requirement	E or L Minor Course	E or L 2 nd Major Course
E or L Minor Course	E or L 2 nd Major Course	E or L 2 nd Major Course	General Elective
E or L 2 nd Major Course	E & L 2 nd Major Course	E or L 2 nd Major Course	General Elective

Note: UNIV 100 – recommended, but not required.

Classes listed as General Electives can be fulfilled by any course. In scenario 4, you will have between 5-10 hrs. that could be applied to an additional Minor(s), a Second Major, an internship, , independent study, or other classes. For BA requirements, this scenario assumes they are not also counting toward a REAL Studies E Minor.

Psychology REAL Work Sheet

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Have you finished your Foundational Requirements?

Foundational Requirements		
Course	Credits	Semester Completed
ENGL 111	3	
MATH 100 or 125 recommended (Also 121 will count)	3	
Hours Remaining (out of 6):		

Note: MATH 121 will also count, but 100 or 125 are recommended
 - If you transferred in 56 or more credits, then these requirements are waived.

Have you finished your Writing Intensive (WI) Requirements outside of the Major?

Writing Intensive Requirements		
Course	Credits	Semester
Recommended ENGL 112	3	
Required PSYC 491 (after STAT 200, PSYC 301, and PSYC 302)	NA	Part of Psyc Major
Hours Remaining (out of 3):		

Note: Other WI courses could count in place of ENGL 112.
 - If you transferred in 56 or more credits, then these requirements are waived.

Have you finished the REAL Competency Areas?

- Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning (R) – Covered by Psychology Major.
- Cultural or Behavioral Analysis (A) – Covered by Psychology Major.

(E) Humanistic or Artistic Expression - Planned Major/Minor Name:			
Number of Credits Required:			
Requirement	Course	Credits	Semester
Hours Remaining (out of ___):			

Note: If you are waiving this requirement because you transferred in 15 or more credit hours, then you still need one class that counts as both GE and E (ENGL 112 is commonly used here).

(L) Applied Learning - Planned Minor/Major Name:			
Number of Credits Required:			
Requirement	Course	Credits	Semester
Hours Remaining (out of ___):			

Note: If you are waiving this requirement because you transferred in 15 or more credit hours, then you still need one class that counts as both GE and L (COMS 114, ITEC 100, FINC 251, CRJU 100 are commonly used here; PSYC 491 can also be used here).

Do you have at least 30 Credits of courses that count for General Education Designated (GE)?

	Course	Credits	Semester		Course	Credits	Semester
1.	ENGL 111	3		7.			
2.	ENGL 112	3		8.			
3.	MATH	3		9.			
4.	STAT 200	3		10.			
5.	PSYC 121	3		11.			
6.	PSYC 230 or 317	3		12.			
Hours Remaining (out of 30):							
Only count hours that are not meeting other Foundational, WI, or REAL Competency Areas							

Note: Typically, these hours are complete as part of other REAL requirements listed above (Foundational, WI, or REAL Competency Areas). It is possible you may need to take additional GE courses beyond the REAL requirements to get to 30 credits.

- If you transferred in 56 or more credits, then these requirements are waived.
- General Education Designated Courses are Listed as GE in the Undergraduate Catalog, and the Psychology Department maintains spreadsheets that provide searchable and sortable lists of GE, R, E, A, and L courses. There is a separate spreadsheet for each catalog year. Be sure you are using the list that corresponds to your catalog year (usually this the year you started at RU/RUC). REAL Spreadsheets can be accessed here: [2021-2022 Catalog](#), [2022-2023 Catalog](#), [2023-2024 Catalog](#).

Summary

REAL (Gen. Ed. Curriculum) Requirements		
	Completed Credits	Remaining Credits
Foundational Credits (of 6)		
WI Credits outside Major (of 3)		
REAL Area E Credits (of)		
REAL Area L Credits (of)		
30 Credits of GE courses:		*
Total REAL Credits Remaining:		

* Only count credit hours that are not meeting Foundational, WI, or REAL Competency Areas for the number of GE Credits remaining.

Additional Notes for Transfer Students:

1: Many Associate’s Degrees from VACCs schools will satisfy all REAL requirements (Associates of Arts, Associates of Science, or Associates of Art and Science; also, Associate of General Studies from approved institutions).

2: Students with transfer credits, but not one of the degrees referenced above:

- (1) 56 or more credits, then must complete a major, minor, or certificate that fulfills at least one area of REAL; have at least 3 credit hours in each of the R, E, A, and L areas; each course covering the R, E, and A areas must also be designated as General Education (GE), and all other REAL and GE requirements are waived.
- (2) 36-55 credits, then complete two areas of the REAL Curriculum; have at least 3 hours of coursework in each R, E, A, and L area (R, E, and A courses must be GE designated); and all other REAL Curriculum requirements – Foundational English and Math, 30 hrs. of GE courses, and two WI courses.
- (3) 15-35 credits, then complete three areas of the REAL Curriculum; at least 3 credit hours of coursework in each R, E, A, and L area (R, E, and A courses must be GE designated), and all other REAL Curriculum requirements – Foundational English and Math, 30 hrs. of GE courses, and two WI courses.