

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, B.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Abington

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

Psychological and Social Sciences, B.A. at Abington Campus

The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 or 30H	3 PSYCH 212 or HDFS 129*	3
PSYCH 100*	3 World Language level 2	4
World Language level 1	4 MATH 21 (Based on Math Placement Test)	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
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	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PSYCH 200*	4 ANTH 45N*†	3
World Language level 3	4 PSYCH 301W*	4
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A	3
CAS 100A or 100B	3 SOC 1 or 5*	3
	General Education Course	3
	14	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HDFS 301*	3 Elective (US;IL)	3
Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3 Major Selection any level* ¹	3
General Education Course	3 Major selection any level* ¹	3
General Education Course	3 Bachelor of Arts Requirement	3
General Education Course (GHW)	3 Humanities (US;IL)	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3 Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3
Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3 Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3
Bachelor of Arts Requirement	3 Bachelor of Arts Requirement	3
General Education Course	3 Elective	2
XXX 495 Internship* ¹	3 Elective (OC)	3
	15	14

Total Credits 121

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in World Cultures. See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as World Cultures courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-world-cultures/>).

¹ At least 15 of 21 required major selection credits must be at the 400 level.

6-15 credits of major courses are required in courses designated PSYCH and/or HDFS.

6-15 credits of major courses are required in courses designated SOC and/or AHTH.

0-9 credits of major courses are required in courses designated as other Social Sciences from the approved PSS program list.

Advising Notes:

• PSYCH and/or HDFS courses for Major Requirements:

- PSYCH 212, PSYCH 221, PSYCH 238, PSYCH 243, PSYCH 244, PSYCH 281, PSYCH 404, PSYCH 407, PSYCH 412, PSYCH 415, PSYCH 416, PSYCH 420, PSYCH 422, PSYCH 423, PSYCH 424, PSYCH 426, PSYCH 438, PSYCH 441, PSYCH 445, PSYCH 470, PSYCH 473, PSYCH 478, PSYCH 479, PSYCH 481, PSYCH 484, PSYCH 485, PSYCH 492, PSYCH 496B, PSYCH 497
- HDFS 108N, HDFS 229, HDFS 239, HDFS 249N, HDFS 250, HDFS 315, HDFS 429, HDFS 432, HDFS 433, HDFS 445

• SOC and/or ANTH courses for Major Requirements:

- SOC 3, SOC 19, SOC 30, SOC 35, SOC 103, SOC 109, SOC 110, SOC 119N, SOC 150N, SOC 180N, SOC 309, SOC 403, SOC 405, SOC 406, SOC 409, SOC 410, SOC 416, SOC 429, SOC 430, SOC 446, SOC 455, SOC 456, SOC 471, SOC 477, SOC 478, SOC 497

- ANTH 2N, ANTH 11, ANTH 22, ANTH 40, ANTH 45N, ANTH 146, ANTH 197, ANTH 199, ANTH 216N, ANTH 321W, ANTH 395, ANTH 448, ANTH 480
- **Other Social Sciences courses for Major Requirements:**
 - BBH 302, BBH 315
 - CAS 352, CAS 415, CAS 455
 - CNED 404
 - EDPSY 14
 - COMM 100N, COMM 411
 - WMNST 471
- Courses cross-listed with the above may be petitioned to meet the 400-level requirement.