

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, B.S.

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.S. 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 BISC 4, BIOL 133, BIOL 155, BIOL 161, or BIOL 169N**†	3
General Education Course	4 General Education Course	3
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16		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PSYCH 200*	4 PSYCH 301W*	4
ANTH 45N*	3 ENGL 202A	3
SOC 1 or 5*	3 General Education Course	3
Humanities (GH) (US;IL)	3 General Education Course	3
CAS 100A or 100B	3 General Education Course	3
16		16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
400 level class from Methods and Analysis Section*	3 HDFS 301*	3
Major Selection any level* ¹	3 Elective	3
Major Selection any level* ¹	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 400 level class from Methods and Analysis Section*	3

Elective	3 Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3
15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
XXX 494 Senior Thesis 1*	3 XXX 495 Internship*	3
Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3 Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3
Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3 XXX 494 Senior Thesis 2*	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective (US/IL)	3 Elective	1
15		13

Total Credits 121

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 ANTH.

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

Methods and Analysis Section: Of your 15 credits of 400 level class, select 6 credits from ANTH 408, ANTH 428, ANTH 458, HDFS 401, HDFS 415, PSYCH 404 (or EDPSY 450), PSYCH 406W, PSYCH 407, PSYCH 408, PSYCH 439, PSYCH 492, SOC 405, SOC 413 (or CRIMJ 413), SOC 423, SOC 470, SOC 471.

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

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.