

PSYCHOLOGY, B.A. (BEHREND)

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: Erie

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.

Psychology, B.A. at Erie Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
First-Year Seminar	1 Psychology Area Selection	3
ENGL 15 or 30H ^{††}	3 General Education Course	3
PSYCH 100 [*]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	1.5 World Language (Level Two)	4
World Language (Level One)	4	
	15.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Psychology Area Selection [*]	3 Psychology Area Selection [*]	3
Psychology Area Selection [*]	3 PSYCH 200 [‡]	4
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C [‡]	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
World Language (Level Three)	4 ENGL 202A [‡]	3
	16	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PSYCH 301W [*]	4 PSYCH 406W [*]	4
Psychology Area Selection [*]	3 400-level Psychology selection	3
World Cultures	3 BA Knowledge Domain	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
400-level Psychology selection	3 PSYCH 489 [*]	1
	16	14

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
400-level Psychology selection	3 PSYCH 494 or 495	3
General Education Course	3 Electives	3
BA Knowledge Domain	3 Electives	1
Electives	3 BA Knowledge Domain	3
General Education Course	1.5 General Education Course	3
	13.5	13

Total Credits 120

* 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

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.

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/>).

Program Notes:

- Choose 3 credits in four of the following five categories of courses:
 - Biological Bases of Behavior:** choose from PSYCH 253, PSYCH 260, PSYCH 269
 - Social/Developmental:** choose from HDFS 129, HDFS 229, PSYCH 212, PSYCH 221
 - Cognitive/Learning:** choose from PSYCH 256, PSYCH 261, PSYCH 263N, PSYCH 268

- **Clinical/Applied:** choose from EDPSY 14, PSYCH 217N, PSYCH 238, PSYCH 243, PSYCH 244, PSYCH 270, PSYCH 281
- **Diversity:** choose from PSYCH 230, PSYCH 231, PSYCH 232

Academic Advising Notes:

- The course series listed above is only one of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The number of electives required varies per student. Please be sure to consult with an adviser about your intended plan.

Psychology, B.A. at Erie Campus (3-Year Accelerated Plan)

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
First-Year Seminar	1 Psychology Area Selection*	3 General Education Course	3
ENGL 15 or 30H ^{†‡}	3 Psychology Area Selection	3 BA Knowledge Domain	3
PSYCH 100*	3 General Education Course	3	
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3	
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	1.5	
General Education Course	1.5 World Language (Level Two)	4	
World Language (Level One)	4		
	18.5	17.5	6

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
Psychology Area Selection*	3 400-level Psychology Selection	3 General Education Course	3
Psychology Area Selection*	3 PSYCH 200 [†]	4 BA Knowledge Domain	3
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C [†]	3 General Education Course	3	
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3	
World Language (Level Three)	4 ENGL 202A [†]	3	
World Cultures	3 Elective	3	
	19	19	6

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PSYCH 301W*	4 PSYCH 406W*	4
Psychology Area Selection*	3 400-level Psychology selection	3

General Education Course	3 BA Knowledge Domain	3
400-level Psychology selection	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 PSYCH 489*	1
Elective	1 PSYCH 494 or 495	3
	17	17

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