

PSYCHOLOGY, B.S. (CAPITAL)

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: Harrisburg

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, a minimum of 122 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	9
Requirements for the Major	74

6 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 3 credits of GN courses; 3 credits of GWS courses.

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
ENGL 202A	Effective Writing: Writing in the Social Sciences	3
PSYCH 100	Introductory Psychology	3
PSYCH 301W	Basic Research Methods in Psychology	4
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
BIOL 141	Introduction to Human Physiology	
BIOL 161	Human Anatomy and Physiology I - Lecture	
BISC 4	Human Body: Form and Function	
At least 15 credits of the following courses must be at the 400 level:		
Select 4 credits from the following:		4
Category 1 (Statistics)		
PSYCH 200	Elementary Statistics in Psychology	
or STAT 200 Elementary Statistics		
Select 6 credits from two different developmental categories (3 credits each category):		6
Category 2a (Lifespan)		
PSYCH 212	Introduction to Developmental Psychology	
Category 2b (Adult)		
PSYCH 416/	Development Throughout Adulthood	
HDFS 445		
Category 2c (Child)		
PSYCH 410	Child Development	

Category 2d (Adolescence)

PSYCH 412 Adolescence

Select 6 credits from two different individual difference categories (3 credits each category):

Category 3a (Social Psychology)

PSYCH 221 Introduction to Social Psychology

or PSYCH 420 Advanced Social Psychology

Category 3b (Personality Psychology)

PSYCH 238 Introduction to Personality Psychology

or PSYCH 430 Personality Theory

Category 3c (Personal Adjustment)

PSYCH 243 Introduction to Well-being and Positive Psychology

or PSYCH 470 Psychology of Adjustment and Social Relationships

Category 3d (Health Psychology)

PSYCH 441 Health Psychology

Select 6 credits from two different clinical categories (3 credits each category):

Category 4a (Physical Disabilities)

PSYCH 370 Psychology of the Differently-Abled

Category 4b (Childhood Disorders)

PSYCH 476 Child Psychopathology

Category 4c (Abnormal Psychology)

PSYCH 270 Introduction to Abnormal Psychology

or PSYCH 470 Abnormal Psychology

Category 4d (Behavior Modification)

PSYCH 473 Behavior Modification

Category 4e (Developmental Disabilities)

PSYCH 443 Treatment and Education in Developmental Disabilities

Select 6 credits from two different experimental categories (3 credits in each category):

Category 5a (Physiological Psychology)

PSYCH 260/ Neurological Bases of Human Behavior
BBH 203

or PSYCH 460 Physiological Psychology

Category 5b (Cognitive Psychology)

PSYCH 256 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology

or PSYCH 452 Learning and Memory

or PSYCH 450 Advanced Cognitive Psychology

Category 5c (Learning Theory)

PSYCH 261 Introduction to Psychology of Learning

or PSYCH 460 Advanced Conditioning and Learning

Select 3 credits from applications in psychology: 3

Category 6 (Applied Experience)

PSYCH 395 Internship

or PSYCH 490 Research Projects

or PSYCH 490 Internship

Select 12 credits of any PSYCH courses not used above, with the exception that only one course selected from any Category 1 through 5 will count for the major 12

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Complete 18 credits from department approved list 18

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- **United States Cultures:** 3 credits
- **International Cultures:** 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.