

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, B.S.

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 2024-25 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.

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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
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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	
	15	12

Total Credits 120

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 421, 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 221, 281, 407, 412, 415, 416, 420, 422, 423, 424, 426, 438, 441, 470, 478, 479, 481, 484, 485, 496B, 497, HD FS 220, 239, 249, 250, 315, 432, 433, 445, 468

SOC and/or ANTH courses for Major Requirements:

SOC 003, 030, 035, 103, 109, 110, 309, 403, 405, 406, 409, 416, 429, 430, 455, 456, 462, 497, ANTH 002, 011, 022, 040, 146, 197, 199, 216, 321W, 380, 395, 448, 464

Other Social Sciences courses for Major Requirements:

BBH 302, 315, CAS 352, 415, 455, CN ED 404, 407, ED PSY 014, COMM 100, 120, 411, WMNST 471

Courses cross-listed with the above may be petitioned to meet the 400-level requirement.