

PSYCHOLOGY, B.A. (BEHREND)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	12
Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements	24
Requirements for the Major	43

0-4 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 0-4 credits of General Education GQ courses.

3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if foreign language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

Per Senate Policy 83.80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned.

Requirements for the Major

Each student must earn a grade of C or better for prescribed and additional courses in the major and for each 300- and 400-level course in the major field.

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/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
PSYCH 100	Introductory Psychology	3
PSYCH 301W	Basic Research Methods in Psychology	4
PSYCH 406W	Advanced Research Projects in Psychology	4
PSYCH 489	Professional Development in Psychology	1
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
PSYCH 200 or STAT 200	Elementary Statistics in Psychology Elementary Statistics	4
Select 3 credits in each of the following five content categories:		15
1. Biological Bases of Behavior		
PSYCH 253	Introduction to Psychology of Perception	

PSYCH 260	Neurological Bases of Human Behavior
PSYCH 261	Introduction to Psychology of Learning
PSYCH 269	Evolutionary Psychology
PSYCH 425	Psychology of Human Emotion
PSYCH 439	History and Systems of Psychology
PSYCH 441	Health Psychology
PSYCH 460	Comparative Psychology
PSYCH 461	Advanced Conditioning and Learning
PSYCH 462	Physiological Psychology
PSYCH 464	Behavior Genetics
PSYCH 475	Psychology of Fear and Stress
PSYCH 478	Clinical Neuropsychology
2. Social/Developmental	
PSYCH 212	Introduction to Developmental Psychology
PSYCH 221	Introduction to Social Psychology
PSYCH 412	Adolescence
PSYCH 413	Cognitive Development
PSYCH 414	Social and Personality Development (may be counted in either Social/Developmental or Clinical/Personality, but not both)
PSYCH 415	Topics in Developmental Psychology
PSYCH 416	Development Throughout Adulthood
PSYCH 420	Advanced Social Psychology
PSYCH 421	Self and Social Judgment
PSYCH 423	Social Psychology of Interpersonal/Intergroup Relationships
PSYCH 424	Applied Social Psychology
3. Cognitive/Learning	
PSYCH 253	Introduction to Psychology of Perception
PSYCH 256	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
PSYCH 261	Introduction to Psychology of Learning
PSYCH 268	Animal Minds
PSYCH 413	Cognitive Development
PSYCH 426	Language and Thought
PSYCH 427	Language Acquisition
PSYCH 439	History and Systems of Psychology
PSYCH 452	Learning and Memory
PSYCH 456	Advanced Cognitive Psychology
PSYCH 461	Advanced Conditioning and Learning
4. Clinical/Applied	
EDPSY 14	Learning and Instruction
HDFS 311	Human Development and Family Studies Interventions
HDFS 315	Family Development
PSYCH 238	Introduction to Personality Psychology
PSYCH 243	Introduction to Well-being and Positive Psychology
PSYCH 244	Introduction to the Psychology of Human Factors Engineering
PSYCH 270	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology
PSYCH 281	Introduction to Industrial-Organizational Psychology
PSYCH 370	Psychology of the Differently-Abled
PSYCH 404	Principles of Measurement

PSYCH 408	Program Evaluation
PSYCH 414	Social and Personality Development (may be counted in either Social/Developmental or Clinical/Personality, but not both)
PSYCH 419	Psychology and a Sustainable World
PSYCH 438	Personality Theory
PSYCH 443	Treatment and Education in Developmental Disabilities
PSYCH 444	Engineering Psychology
PSYCH 445	Forensic Psychology
PSYCH 452	Learning and Memory
PSYCH 456	Advanced Cognitive Psychology
PSYCH 470	Abnormal Psychology
PSYCH 471	Psychology of Adjustment and Social Relationships
PSYCH 473	Behavior Modification
PSYCH 474	Psychological Intervention in Childhood
PSYCH 476	Child Psychopathology
PSYCH 477	Mental Health Practicum with Children
PSYCH 481	Introduction to Clinical Psychology
PSYCH 482	Selection and Assessment in Organizations
PSYCH 484	Work Attitudes and Motivation
PSYCH 485	Leadership in Work Settings

5. Diversity

PSYCH 230	Introduction to Psychologies of Religion
PSYCH 231	Introduction to the Psychology of Gender
PSYCH 232	Cross-Cultural Psychology
PSYCH 422	Human Sexuality
PSYCH 432	Multicultural Psychology in America
PSYCH 479/ WMNST 471	The Psychology of Gender

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 3 credits of a structured practicum, internship or an approved research experience (PSYCH 294, PSYCH 296, PSYCH 494, PSYCH 495, or PSYCH 496 may be applied to this requirement) 3

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 9 credits of 400-level psychology courses from any combination of categories in consultation with adviser (except PSYCH 494, PSYCH 495, PSYCH 496) 9

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/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

B.A. Degree Requirements

Foreign Language (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/>).

B.A. Fields (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; foreign language credits in this category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

Other Cultures (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the General Education US/IL requirement.