

PSYCHOLOGY, B.S. (CAPITAL)

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 GWS courses; 3 credits of GN 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/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>		
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
<i>Category 1 (Statistics)</i>		
PSYCH 200	Elementary Statistics in Psychology	
	or STAT 200 Elementary Statistics	
Select 6 credits from two different developmental categories (3 credits each category):		6
<i>Category 2a (Lifespan)</i>		
PSYCH 212	Introduction to Developmental Psychology	
<i>Category 2b (Adult)</i>		
PSYCH 416/ HDFS 445	Development Throughout Adulthood	
<i>Category 2c (Child)</i>		
PSYCH 410	Child Development	
<i>Category 2d (Adolescence)</i>		
PSYCH 412	Adolescence	
Select 6 credits from two different individual difference categories (3 credits each category):		6

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): 6

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): 6

Category 5a (Physiological Psychology)

PSYCH 260/
BBH 203
Neurological Bases of Human Behavior
or PSYCH 460 Physiological Psychology

Category 5b (Cognitive Psychology)

PSYCH 256 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
or PSYCH 450 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

Select 6 credits from the following: 6

AAAS, AMST, ARAB, ART, ARTH, BRASS, CART, CMUS, CAMS, CAS, CHNS, CMLIT, COMM, DANCE, ELISH, ENGL, ENLSH, FR, GER, GREEK, HCOMM, HEBR, HIST, HUM, IHUM, INART, IT, JST, JAPNS, KOR, LATIN, LING, LIT, MEDVL, MUSIC, PHIL, PHILO, PHLOS, PORT, RLST, RUS, SPST, SPAN, STS, THEA, THTR

WMNST/ AFAM 101N	African American Women
WMNST/ AFAM 102	Women of the African Diaspora
WMNST/ AMST 104	Women and the American Experience
WMNST 106N	Representing Women and Gender in Literature, Art and Popular Cultures
WMNST/HIST 117	Women in United States History
WMNST/RLST 137	Gender, Sexuality, and Religion
WMNST/ENGL 194	Women Writers
WMNST/ COMM 205	Gender, Diversity and the Media
WMNST/FR 270	Race and Gender in Literature Translated from French
WMNST/THEA 407W	Women and Theatre
WMNST 430	Women in American Society
WMNST/PHIL 438	Seminar in Feminist Philosophy
WMNST/CAS 455	Topics in Gender and Communication
WMNST/ENGL 462	Reading Black, Reading Feminist
WMNST/HIST 466	Lesbian and Gay History
WMNST/ENGL 489	British Women Writers
WMNST/ENGL 490	Women Writers and Their Worlds
WMNST 491/ AMST 476/ ENGL 492	American Women Writers
Select 12 credits of the following:	12
AAAS, AFRAS, ANTH, BESC, CRIMJ, ECON, HCM, HDFS, PLSC, PUBPL, RSOC, SCLSC, SOSC, SOC	
WMNST 100	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
WMNST/ AFAM/SOC 103	Racism and Sexism
WMNST/SOC 110	Sociology of Gender
WMNST/HIST 116N	Family and Gender Roles in Modern History
WMNST/LHR/ AFAM 136	Race, Gender, and Employment
WMNST/AFR 202N	Women, Gender, and Feminisms in Africa
WMNST/HDFS 250	Sexual Identity over the Life Span
WMNST/ CRIMJ/CRIM 423	Sexual and Domestic Violence

WMNST/ KINES 424	Women and Sport
WMNST/PLSC 428	Gender and Politics
WMNST/BBH/ NURS 452	
WMNST/ CRIMJ/CRIM 453	Women and the Criminal Justice System
WMNST/SOC 456	Gender, Occupations, and Professions
WMNST/BESC 464	Feminine/Masculine
WMNST 471/ PSYCH 479	The Psychology of Gender
WMNST/ANTH 476W	Anthropology of Gender

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.