



University Bulletin

Undergraduate Degree Programs

Psychological and Social Sciences

Abington College (PSSBA)

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Building on the interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary strengths of Penn State Abington, the Psychological and Social Sciences B.A. is designed to respond to the demand for a program emphasizing the social and behavioral sciences leading to an understanding of human behavior and its influence upon society as well as the influence of social forces on individuals. The program is distinguished by its interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary course work and required field experience. The B.A. provides a broad theoretical foundation in social and psychological theory as well as the opportunity to engage in supervised field experience. The major offers students a choice of course clusters focused on specialized areas such as social psychology, developmental studies, organizational behavior and leadership, bio-behavior and diversity, and counseling. The major is designed to prepare students for a variety of career fields including human resources, business administration, mental health, and social work as well as for continued study in graduate or professional school.

For the B. A. degree in Psychological and Social Sciences, a minimum of 121 credits is required.

Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)

GENERAL EDUCATION: 45 credits
(See description of General Education in front of *Bulletin*.)

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:
(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:
(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:
(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

ELECTIVES: 5-6 credits

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: 24 credits
(3 of these 24 credits 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.)
(See description of Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements in this bulletin.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR: 46-47 credits [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)

PRESCRIBED COURSES (10 credits)
PSYCH 100 GS(3) (Sem: 1-2)
ANTH 045 GS;US;IL(3) (Sem: 1-4)

PSYCH 200(4) (Sem: 3-4)

ADDITIONAL COURSES (15-16 credits)

PSYCH 238 GS(3) or SOC 109(3) (Sem: 1-4)

HD FS 129 GS(3) or PSYCH 212 GS(3) (Sem: 1-4)

HD FS 312W(3) or PSYCH 301W(4) (Sem: 3-4)

BB H 301(3) or HD FS 301(3) (Sem: 3-6)

Select 3 credits of ANTH 495(1-18), HD FS 495C(3-8), PSYCH 495(1-15), or SOC 495(1-18) (Sem: 7-8)

SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (21 credits)

Select 12 credits from one of the following areas

Select 9 credits from a second area

(at least 15 credits must be at the 400-level):

a. Organizational Relations

CAS 352(3), CAS 455 US(3), MGMT 341(3), MGMT 441(3), PSYCH 281 GS(3), PSYCH 423(3), PSYCH 485(3), SOC 455(3), SOC 456(3) (Sem: 5-8)

b. Social Psychology

PSYCH 221 GS(3), PSYCH 420(3), PSYCH 424(3), SOC 003 GS(3), SOC 403(3) (Sem: 5-8)

c. Developmental Studies

EDPSY 014(3), HD FS 229 GS(3), HD FS 239 GS(3), HD FS 249 GS(3), HD FS 315 US(3), HD FS 433(3), HD FS 445(3)/PSYCH 416(3), PSYCH 415(3), PSYCH 412(3) (Sem: 5-8)

d. Media and Society

CAS 415(3 per semester), COMM 100 GS(3), COMM 120(3), COMM 411(3), SOC 462(3) (Sem: 5-8)

[1] A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

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