

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, B.A.

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 2023-24 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 (*Note: the archive only contains suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin*).

Psychological and Social Sciences, B.A. at Abington Campus

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 World Language level 2	4
World Language level 1	4 MATH 21 (Based on Math Placement Test)	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
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	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PSYCH 200*	4 ANTH 45N*†	3
World Language level 3	4 PSYCH 301W*	4
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A	3
CAS 100A or 100B	3 SOC 1 or 5*	3
	General Education Course	3
	14	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HDFS 301*	3 Elective (US;IL)	3
Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3 Major Selection any level* ¹	3
General Education Course	3 Major selection any level* ¹	3
General Education Course	3 Bachelor of Arts Requirement	3
General Education Course (GHW)	3 Humanities (US;IL)	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3 Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3
Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3 Major Selection 400 level* ¹	3
Bachelor of Arts Requirement	3 Bachelor of Arts Requirement	3
General Education	3 Elective	3
XXX 495 Internship* ¹	3 Elective (OC)	3
	15	15

Total Credits 122

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in Other Cultures.

See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as Other Cultures courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-other-cultures/>).

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 AHTH.

0-9 credits of major courses are required in courses designated as other Social Sciences from the approved PSS program list.

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 229, 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, 471, 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, EDPSY 014, COMM 100N, 120, 411, WMNST 471

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