

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Abington

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Psychological and Social Sciences, a minimum of 121 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	8
Requirements for the Major	71

3 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 3 credits of GN courses.

Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<http://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>		
ANTH 45N	Cultural Diversity: A Global Perspective	3
PSYCH 100	Introductory Psychology	3
PSYCH 200	Elementary Statistics in Psychology	4
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
BBH 301W	Values and Ethics in Biobehavioral Health Research and Practice	3
or HDF5 301	Values and Ethics in Health and Human Development Professions	
HDFS 129	Introduction to Human Development and Family Studies	3
or PSYCH 212	Introduction to Developmental Psychology	
PSYCH 301W	Basic Research Methods in Psychology	3
or HDF5 312W	Empirical Inquiry in Human Development	
SOC 1	Introductory Sociology	3
or SOC 5	Social Problems	
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
ANTH 495	Internship	
HDFS 495C	Professional Practicum in Human Services	
PSYCH 495	Internship	
SOC 495	Internship	
Select 7 credits from the following:		7
ANTH 494	Research Project	
HDFS 494	Research Project	
PSYCH 494	Research Projects	
SOC 494	Research Project	

Select 6 credits from the following:		6
BIOL 133 & BIOL 155	Genetics and Evolution of the Human Species and Introduction to the Biology of Aging	
BIOL 161 & BIOL 169N	Human Anatomy and Physiology I - Lecture and	
BIOL 161 & PSYCH 169N	Human Anatomy and Physiology I - Lecture and	
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
ANTH 408	Anthropological Demography	
ANTH 421		
ANTH 428	Archaeological Methods and Theory	
ANTH 458	Ethnographic Field Methods	
HDFS 401	Project Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation in the Human Services	
HDFS 415	Program Development in Family Relationships	
PSYCH 404/EDPSY 450	Principles of Measurement	
PSYCH 406W	Advanced Research Projects in Psychology	
PSYCH 407	Advanced Research Methods in Psychology	
PSYCH 408	Program Evaluation	
PSYCH 439	History and Systems of Psychology	
PSYCH 492	Current Topics in Psychology	
SOC 405	Sociological Theory	
SOC/CRIM/CRIMJ 413	Advanced Criminological Theory	
SOC 423	Social Demography	
SOC 470	Intermediate Social Statistics	
SOC 471	Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology	
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 15 credits from the following:		15
ANTH 408	Anthropological Demography	
ANTH 446	Mating and Marriage	
ANTH/AMST 448	Ethnography of the United States	
ANTH/WMNST 476W	Anthropology of Gender	
ANTH 497	Special Topics	
ANTH 499	Foreign Studies	
HDFS 415	Program Development in Family Relationships	
HDFS 429	Advanced Child Development	
HDFS 433	Developmental Transition to Adulthood	
HDFS 445/PSYCH 416	Development Throughout Adulthood	
HDFS 497	Special Topics	
HDFS 499	Foreign Studies	
PSYCH 406W	Advanced Research Projects in Psychology	
PSYCH 407	Advanced Research Methods in Psychology	
PSYCH 408	Program Evaluation	
PSYCH 420	Advanced Social Psychology	
PSYCH 422	Human Sexuality	
PSYCH 423	Social Psychology of Interpersonal/Intergroup Relationships	
PSYCH 424	Applied Social Psychology	

PSYCH/GAME 434	Psychology of Gaming
PSYCH 438	Personality Theory
PSYCH 466	The Psychology of Evil
PSYCH 470	Abnormal Psychology
PSYCH 473	Behavior Modification
PSYCH 474	Psychological Intervention in Childhood
PSYCH 476	Child Psychopathology
PSYCH 479/ WMNST 471	The Psychology of Gender
PSYCH 481	Introduction to Clinical Psychology
PSYCH 484	Work Attitudes and Motivation
PSYCH 492	Current Topics in Psychology
PSYCH 497	Special Topics
PSYCH 499	Foreign Studies
SOC 405	Sociological Theory
SOC 408	Urban Ecology
SOC/AFAM 409	Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America
SOC/CRIMJ/ CRIM 413	Advanced Criminological Theory
SOC/EDTHP 416	Sociology of Education
SOC 432	Social Movements
SOC 445	U.S. Immigration
SOC 446	Political Sociology
SOC 447	Ethnic Minorities and Schools in the United States
SOC 451	Health, Disease & Society
SOC 454	The City in Postindustrial Society
SOC/WMNST 456	Gender, Occupations, and Professions
SOC/CRIM 459	Communities and Crime
SOC 467	Law and Society
SOC 470	Intermediate Social Statistics
SOC 471	Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology
SOC/LHR/ WMNST 472	Work-Life Practices and Policies
SOC/WMNST 477	Sociology of Sexuality
SOC 478	Men and Masculinities
SOC 497	Special Topics
SOC 499	Foreign Study--Sociology

Select 6 credits from any of the PSYCH and HDFS courses on the department approved list 6

Select 6 credits from any of the SOC and ANTH courses on the department approved list 6

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.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Knowledge Domains

- **Arts (GA):** 6 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 6 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 6 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 9 credits

Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)

- **Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses:** 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 (<http://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.