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:

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7-8 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 3-4 credits of GN courses; 4 credits of GQ courses.

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.

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).

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or BIOL 110  Biology: Basic Concepts and Biodiversity  
CAS 352  Organizational Communication  3
or CAS 455  Gender Roles in Communication
HDFS 129  Introduction to Human Development and Family Studies  3
or PSYCH 212  Introduction to Developmental Psychology

PSYCH 301W  Basic Research Methods in Psychology  3-4
or HDFS 312W  Empirical Inquiry in Human Development

SOC 1  Introductory Sociology  3
or SOC 5  Social Problems

Select 3 credits of the following:

ANTH 495  Internship
HDFS 495C  Professional Practicum in Human Services
PSYCH 495  Internship
SOC 495  Internship

Select 7 credits of the following:

ANTH 494  Research Project
HDFS 494  Research Project
PSYCH 494  Research Projects
SOC 494  Research Project

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

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

Select 6-15 credits of the following HDFS and PSYCH courses:

HDFS 229  Infant and Child Development
HDFS 239  Adolescent Development
HDFS 249N  Adult Development and Aging
HDFS 250  Sexual Identity over the Life Span
HDFS 315  Family Development
HDFS 432  Developmental Problems in Childhood and Adolescence
HDFS 433  Developmental Transition to Adulthood
HDFS 445  Development Throughout Adulthood
HDFS 468
PSYCH 221  Introduction to Social Psychology
PSYCH 281  Introduction to Industrial-Organizational Psychology
PSYCH 407  Advanced Research Methods in Psychology
PSYCH 412  Adolescence
PSYCH 415  Topics in Developmental Psychology
PSYCH 416  Development Throughout Adulthood
PSYCH 420  Advanced Social Psychology
PSYCH 422  Human Sexuality
PSYCH 423  Social Psychology of Interpersonal/Intergroup Relationships
PSYCH 424  Applied Social Psychology
PSYCH 426  Language and Thought
PSYCH 438  Personality Theory
PSYCH 441  Health Psychology
PSYCH 470  Abnormal Psychology
PSYCH 478  Clinical Neuropsychology
PSYCH 479  The Psychology of Gender
PSYCH 481  Introduction to Clinical Psychology
PSYCH 484  Work Attitudes and Motivation

PSYCH 485  Leadership in Work Settings
PSYCH 496B **SPECIAL TOPICS**
PSYCH 497  Special Topics

Select 6-15 credits of the following SOC and ANTH courses:

ANTH 2N  World Archaeology
ANTH 11  North American Archaeology
ANTH 22  Humans as Primates
ANTH 40  Biocultural Evolution
ANTH 146  Indigenous North America
ANTH 197  Special Topics
ANTH 199  Foreign Studies
ANTH 216N  Sex and Evolution
ANTH 321W  Intellectual Background of Archaeology
ANTH 380  Anthropology Museum Studies
ANTH 395  Internship
ANTH 448  Ethnography of the United States
SOC 3  Introductory Social Psychology
SOC 30  Sociology of the Family
SOC 35  Sociology of Aging
SOC 103  Racism and Sexism
SOC 109  Sociological Perspectives
SOC 110  Sociology of Gender
SOC 309  Sociology of Health
SOC 403  Advanced Social Psychology
SOC 405  Sociological Theory
SOC 406  Sociology of Deviance
SOC 409  Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America
SOC 416  Sociology of Education
SOC 429  Social Stratification
SOC 430  Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective
SOC 455  Work and Occupations
SOC 456  Gender, Occupations, and Professions
SOC 471  Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology
SOC 497  Special Topics

Select 0-9 credits of the following other social sciences courses:

BBH 302  Diversity and Health
BBH 315  Gender and Biobehavioral Health
CAS 352  Organizational Communication
CAS 415  Rhetoric of Film and Television
CAS 455  Gender Roles in Communication
CNED 404  Group Procedures in Guidance and Counseling
COMM 100N  The Mass Media and Society
COMM 120
COMM 411  Cultural Aspects of the Mass Media
EDPSY 14  Learning and Instruction
WMNST 471  The Psychology of Gender

1 At least 12 credits must be at the 400 level.