## Psychological and Social Sciences, B.S.

### 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.

### 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).

### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

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 1

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
- 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
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.

### 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 following courses are exempt from the General Education requirements:
- Writing and Speaking (GWS)
- Quantification (GQ)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS)
- Arts (GA)
- Health and Wellness (GHW)
- Humanities (GH)

### University Degree Requirements

#### Writing Across the Curriculum
6 credits required and may satisfy other requirements
- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

#### First Year Engagement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 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

#### 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 their degree program.

#### 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.

#### 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

#### 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
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

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