PSYCHOLOGY, B.A. (BEHREND)

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus  
**End Campus:** Erie

### Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

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0-4 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 0-4 credits of General Education GQ courses.

3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements 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.

Per Senate Policy 83.80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned.

### Requirements for the Major

Each student must earn a grade of C or better for prescribed and additional courses in the major and for each 300- and 400-level course in the major field.

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

#### Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

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<td>PSYCH 100</td>
<td>Introductory Psychology</td>
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<td>PSYCH 301W</td>
<td>Basic Research Methods in Psychology</td>
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<td>PSYCH 406W</td>
<td>Advanced Research Projects in Psychology</td>
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<td>PSYCH 489</td>
<td>Professional Development in Psychology</td>
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#### Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

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<td>PSYCH 200</td>
<td>Elementary Statistics in Psychology</td>
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Select 3 credits in each of the following five content categories: 15

1. **Biological Bases of Behavior**
   - PSYCH 253 Introduction to Psychology of Perception

PSYCH 260 Neurological Bases of Human Behavior  
PSYCH 261 Introduction to Psychology of Learning  
PSYCH 269 Evolutionary Psychology  
PSYCH 425 Psychology of Human Emotion  
PSYCH 439 History and Systems of Psychology  
PSYCH 441 Health Psychology  
PSYCH 460 Comparative Psychology  
PSYCH 461 Advanced Conditioning and Learning  
PSYCH 462 Physiological Psychology  
PSYCH 464 Behavior Genetics  
PSYCH 475 Psychology of Fear and Stress  
PSYCH 478 Clinical Neuropsychology  

2. **Social/Developmental**
   - PSYCH 212 Introduction to Developmental Psychology  
   - PSYCH 221 Introduction to Social Psychology  
   - PSYCH 412 Adolescence  
   - PSYCH 413 Cognitive Development  
   - PSYCH 414 Social and Personality Development (may be counted in either Social/Developmental or Clinical/Personality, but not both)  
   - PSYCH 415 Topics in Developmental Psychology  
   - PSYCH 416 Development Throughout Adulthood  
   - PSYCH 420 Advanced Social Psychology  
   - PSYCH 421 Self and Social Judgment  
   - PSYCH 423 Social Psychology of Interpersonal/Intergroup Relationships  
   - PSYCH 424 Applied Social Psychology  

3. **Cognitive/Learning**
   - PSYCH 253 Introduction to Psychology of Perception  
   - PSYCH 256 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology  
   - PSYCH 261 Introduction to Psychology of Learning  
   - PSYCH 268 Animal Minds  
   - PSYCH 413 Cognitive Development  
   - PSYCH 426 Language and Thought  
   - PSYCH 427 Language Acquisition  
   - PSYCH 439 History and Systems of Psychology  
   - PSYCH 452 Learning and Memory  
   - PSYCH 456 Advanced Cognitive Psychology  
   - PSYCH 461 Advanced Conditioning and Learning  

4. **Clinical/Applied**
   - EDPSY 14 Learning and Instruction  
   - HDFS 311 Human Development and Family Studies Interventions  
   - HDFS 315 Family Development  
   - PSYCH 238 Introduction to Personality Psychology  
   - PSYCH 243 Introduction to Well-being and Positive Psychology  
   - PSYCH 244 Introduction to the Psychology of Human Factors Engineering  
   - PSYCH 270 Introduction to Abnormal Psychology  
   - PSYCH 281 Introduction to Industrial-Organizational Psychology  
   - PSYCH 370 Psychology of the Differently-Abled  
   - PSYCH 404 Principles of Measurement
The Psychology of Gender

Multicultural Psychology in America

Cross-Cultural Psychology

Introduction to the Psychology of Gender

Work Attitudes and Motivation

Leadership in Work Settings

5. Diversity

Introduction to Psychologies of Religion

Introduction to the Psychology of Gender

Cross-Cultural Psychology

Human Sexuality

Multicultural Psychology in America

The Psychology of Gender

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 3 credits of a structured practicum, internship or an approved research experience (PSYCH 294, PSYCH 296, PSYCH 494, PSYCH 495, or PSYCH 496 may be applied to this requirement)

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

Select 9 credits of 400-level psychology courses from any combination of categories in consultation with adviser (except PSYCH 494, PSYCH 495, PSYCH 496)

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 and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

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

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

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

Integrative Studies

- Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain): 6 credits

Exploration

- GN, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses. This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 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 (https://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.

**B.A. Degree Requirements**

**Foreign Language** (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/).

**B.A. Fields** (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; foreign language credits in this category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

**Other Cultures** (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the General Education US/IL requirement.