# PSYCHOLOGY, B.S. (CAPITAL)

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

## Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, a minimum of 122 credits is required:

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

## Requirements for the Major

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

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<td>ENGL 202A</td>
<td>Effective Writing: Writing in the Social Sciences</td>
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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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### Additional Courses

Additional Courses: **Require a grade of C or better**

Select 3 credits from the following:

- BIOL 141 | Introduction to Human Physiology |
- BIOL 161 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I - Lecture |
- BISC 4    | Human Body: Form and Function |

(At least 15 credits of the following courses must be at the 400 level.)

Select 4 credits from the following:

- PSYCH 200 | Elementary Statistics in Psychology or STAT 200 Elementary Statistics |

Select 6 credits from two different developmental categories (3 credits each category):

- **Category 1 (Statistics)**
- PSYCH 212 | Introduction to Developmental Psychology |
- PSYCH 416/445 | Development Throughout Adulthood |
- PSYCH 410 | Child Development |
- PSYCH 412 | Adolescence |

Select 6 credits from two different individual difference categories (3 credits each category):

- **Category 3a (Social Psychology)**
- PSYCH 221 | Introduction to Social Psychology or PSYCH 42 Advanced Social Psychology |
- **Category 3b (Personality Psychology)**
- PSYCH 238 | Introduction to Personality Psychology or PSYCH 43 Personality Theory |
- **Category 3c (Personality Adjustment)**
- PSYCH 243 | Introduction to Well-being and Positive Psychology or PSYCH 47 Psychology of Adjustment and Social Relationships |

Select 6 credits from two different clinical categories (3 credits each category):

- **Category 4a (Physical Disabilities)**
- PSYCH 370 | Psychology of the Differently-Abled |

Select 6 credits from two different experimental categories (3 credits each category):

- **Category 5a (Physiological Psychology)**
- PSYCH 260/BBH 203 | Neurological Bases of Human Behavior |
- **Category 5b (Cognitive Psychology)**
- PSYCH 256 | Introduction to Cognitive Psychology or PSYCH 45 Learning and Memory |
- **Category 5c (Learning Theory)**
- PSYCH 261 | Introduction to Psychology of Learning or PSYCH 46 Advanced Conditioning and Learning |

Select 3 credits from applications in psychology:

- **Category 6 (Applied Experience)**
- PSYCH 395 | Internship or PSYCH 49 Research Projects or PSYCH 49 Internship |

Select 12 credits of any PSYCH courses not used above, with the exception that only one course selected from any Category 1 through 5 will count for the major

### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 6 credits from the following:

- AAAS, AMST, ARAB, ART, ARTH, BRASS, CART, CMUS, CAMS, CAS, CHNS, CMLIT, COMM, DANCE, ELISH, ENGL, ENLISH, FR, GER, GREEK, HCOMM, HEBR, HIST, HUM, IHUM, INART, IT, JST, JAPNS, KOR, LATIN, LING, LIT, MEDVL, MUSIC, PHIL, PHILO, PHLOS, PORT, RLST, RUS, SPST, SPAN, STS, THEA, THTRE
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<td>WMNST/AMST 104</td>
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<td>WMNST 106N</td>
<td>Representing Women and Gender in Literature, Art and Popular Cultures</td>
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<td>WMNST/HIST 117</td>
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<td>WMNST/RLST 137</td>
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<td>WMNST/COMM 205</td>
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Select 12 credits of the following:

- AAAS, AFRAS, ANTH, BESC, CRIMJ, ECON, HCM, HDFS, PLSC, PUBPL, RSOC, SCLSC, SOSC, SOC
- WMNST 100 | Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies |
- WMNST/AFAM/SOC 103 | Racism and Sexism |
- WMNST/SOC 110 | Sociology of Gender |
- WMNST/HIST 116N | Family and Gender Roles in Modern History |
- WMNST/LHR/AFAM 136 | Race, Gender, and Employment |
- WMNST/AFR 202N | Women, Gender, and Feminisms in Africa |
- WMNST/HDFS 250 | Sexual Identity over the Life Span |
- WMNST/CRIMJ/CRIM 423 | Sexual and Domestic Violence |

**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.