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.

Students admitted to the IUG program may apply 11 credits to their graduate and undergraduate degrees in psychology.

Requirements for the Major
Students in the IUG program will take 11 credits of graduate work in their senior year, courses PSYC 500, PSYC 520 and PSYC 521. These 11 credits will apply to the graduate program and the undergraduate PSYCH elective undergraduate requirement.

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 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Code | Title                                      | Credits |
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PSYC 200 | Elementary Statistics in Psychology (Statistics) | 3       |
or STAT 200 | Elementary Statistics | 3       |
PSYC 212 | Introduction to Developmental Psychology   | 3       |
PSYC 221 | Introduction to Social Psychology          | 3       |
or PSYC 420 | Advanced Social Psychology | 3       |
PSYC 238 | Introduction to Personality Psychology     | 3       |
or PSYC 430 | Personality Theory | 3       |
PSYC 240 | Introduction to Well-being and Positive Psychology | 3       |
or PSYC 470 | Psychology of Adjustment and Social Relationships | 3       |
PSYC 300 | Basic Research Methods in Psychology       | 3       |
PSYC 412 | Adolescence                                | 3       |
PSYC 413 | Categorical                                | 3       |
or PSYC 414 | Categorical | 3       |

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

Category 2a (Lifespan)
PSYC 212 | Introduction to Developmental Psychology   | 3       |

Category 2b (Adult)
PSYC 416 | Development Throughout Adulthood           | 3       |

Category 2c (Child)
PSYC 410 | Child Development                          | 3       |
General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferrable 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.