PSYCHOLOGY, B.A. (LIBERAL ARTS)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park, World Campus

Suggested Academic Plan

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Psychology, B.A. at University Park Campus and World Campus

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First Year

Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits
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ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137H, or CAS 137H | 3 | CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS 138T | 3
PSYCH 100 | 3 | PSYCH 2xx Level (Group A, B, C or Additional) | 3
General Education Course (GQ) | 3 | World Language Level 2 | 4
World Language Level 1 | 4 | General Education Course (GHW) | 1.5
First-Year Seminar/General Education Course | 3 | General Education Course (GS) | 3

Total Credits 16

Second Year

Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits
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STAT 200 or PSYCH 200 | 4 | PSYCH 105 | 3
PSYCH 2XX Level Course (Group A, B, C or Additional) | 3 | PSYCH 2XX Level Course (Group A, B, C, or Additional) | 3
World Language Level 3 | 4 | General Education Course (GQ) | 3
General Education Course (Integrative Studies) | 3 | General Education Course (Integrative Studies) | 3
General Education Course (IL) | 3 | General Education Course (US) | 3

Total Credits 17

Third Year

Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits
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BA Knowledge Domains Course | 3 | PSYCH 4XX Level Course | 3

Total Credits 16.5

Fourth Year

Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits
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ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D | 3 | PSYCH 4XX Level Course | 3
PSYCH 4XX Level Course | 3 | PSYCH 490 | 3
General Education Course | 3 | BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3
Elective | 3 | General Education | 3
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Total Credits 13

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University Requirements and General Education Notes:

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General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of ‘C’ or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and replace both ENGL 30H and CAS 100. Each course is 3 credits.

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Advising Notes:

- All incoming first-year students must take a First-Year Seminar (FYS) during Fall or Spring of their first year. Academic advisers can provide a list of FYS being offered and help the student enroll. Most FYS in the College of the Liberal Arts are worth 3 cr. and count as a General Humanities (GH) or General Social Sciences (GS) course. For this reason, the FYS is not listed separately on this eight-semester plan; most students will be able to fulfill the FYS requirement while also fulfilling a GH or GS requirement.
Psychology, B.A. at Commonwealth Campuses

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