

PSYCHOLOGY, B.S. (LIBERAL ARTS)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park, World Campus

SUGGESTED ACADEMIC PLAN

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2024-25 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

All Options: Psychology, B.S. at University Park Campus and World Campus

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First Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 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 General Education Course (GHW) | 1.5 |
| First-Year Seminar | 3 General Education Course (GS) ^{#*} | 3 |
| Option Course [*] | 3 STAT 200 or PSYCH 200 ^{*#} | 4 |
| | 15 | 14.5 |

Second Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| PSYCH 2XX Level (Group A, B, C or Additional) [*] | 3 PSYCH 105 [*] | 3 |
| General Education Course (Integrative Studies) | 3 Option Course [*] | 3 |
| General Education Course (GQ) ^{*††} | 3 PSYCH 2XX Level (Group A, B, C or Additional) [*] | 3 |
| General Education Course (IL) | 3 General Education Course (Integrative Studies) | 3 |
| Option Supporting Course [*] | 3 General Education Course (US) | 3 |
| | General Education Course (GHW) | 1.5 |
| | 15 | 16.5 |

Third Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| PSYCH 2XX Level (Group A, B, C or Additional) [*] | 3 PSYCH 4XX Level Course [*] | 3 |
| PSYCH 4XX Level Course [*] | 3 PSYCH 301W or 300 [*] | 4 |

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| General Education Course | 3 Option Course [*] | 3 |
| Elective | 3 Option Supporting Course [*] | 3 |
| Option Course [*] | 3 Elective | 3 |
| | 15 | 16 |

Fourth Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| PSYCH 4XX Level Course [*] | 3 PSYCH 4XX Level Course [*] | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 PSYCH 490 [*] | 3 |
| ENGL 202A ^{*†} | 3 Option Course [*] | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 Option Supporting Course [*] | 3 |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
| | Elective | 1 |
| | 15 | 16 |

Total Credits 123

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

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Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

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 satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

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.
- The Neuroscience option is not available at World Campus.

All Options: Psychology, B.S. at Commonwealth Campuses

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| General Education Course (GWS) [‡] | 3 General Education Course (GWS) [‡] | 3 |
| PSYCH 100 ^{*#} | 3 PSYCH 2XX Level (Group A, B, C or Additional) [*] | 3 |
| General Education Course (GQ) ^{*‡†} | 3 General Education Course (GHW) | 1.5 |
| First-Year Seminar/General Education Course | 3 General Education Course (GS) [#] | 3 |
| Option Course [*] | 3 STAT 200 or PSYCH 200 | 4 |
| | 15 | 14.5 |

Second Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| PSYCH 2XX Level (Group A, B, C or Additional) [*] | 3 General Education Course (US) | 3 |
| General Education Course (Integrative Studies) | 3 Option Course [*] | 3 |
| General Education Course (GQ) ^{*‡†} | 3 PSYCH 2XX Level (Group A, B, C or Additional) [*] | 3 |
| General Education Course (IL) | 3 General Education Course (Integrative Studies) | 3 |
| Option Supporting Course [*] | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| | General Education Course (GHW) | 1.5 |
| | 15 | 16.5 |

Third Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| PSYCH 2XX Level (Group A, B, C or Additional) [*] | 3 PSYCH 4XX Level Course [*] | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 PSYCH 301W or 300 (WAC) [*] | 4 |
| PSYCH 105 [*] | 3 Option Course [*] | 3 |
| PSYCH 4XX Level Course [*] | 3 Option Supporting Course [*] | 3 |
| Option Course [*] | 3 Elective | 3 |
| | 15 | 16 |

Fourth Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
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Advising Notes:

- Option coursework lists can be found at: <https://psych.la.psu.edu/undergraduate/degrees-and-requirements/psychology-bachelor-of-science/>.
- Option supporting coursework lists can be found at: <https://psych.la.psu.edu/undergraduate/degrees-and-requirements/option-supporting-courses/>
- The Neuroscience option is not available at World Campus. Also Neuroscience option students are required to take PSYCH 260/BBH 203 and it can be used as Psych 2XX level Group A or Additional Course choice.