

PSYCHOLOGY

(PSYCH – B.A./B.S., 124 credits)

Penn State Behrend's Psychology B.A. and B.S. majors are challenging and personally rewarding programs of study. Students in both majors take a core three-course methodology sequence that culminates in an original research project presented at a regional conference. Students publish their work in our annual psychology journal. Because of Penn State Behrend's small-college setting, psychology majors work closely with faculty on original faculty research projects. Faculty topics of research include studies of biological bases of memory, the psychology of language, adolescent aggression, interpersonal violence and trauma, human factors psychology, workplace satisfaction, and sexual dysfunction.

As a scholarly discipline, psychology emphasizes the communication and explanation of principles and theories of behavior. As a science, it is focused research through which investigators collect, quantify, analyze, and interpret data to describe human and animal behavior. As a profession, psychology involves the practical application of knowledge and techniques for the solution or prevention of individual or social problems. Once you have completed your training in psychology at Penn State Behrend, you will possess a solid background in all three of these dimensions of psychology and will be well prepared for the workforce or graduate education.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Psychology is one of the most adaptable majors students can choose. Penn State Behrend's Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science graduates usually enter the job market following graduation (often capitalizing upon a recent internship) or enter graduate programs in Psychology or related fields. Penn State Behrend graduates are employed or continuing their education at the following locations, among others:

- Abraxas Foundation, Inc.
- Brevillier Village Retirement Community
- Gannondale
- GECAC
- Transitional Living, Inc. (Butler, PA)
- Gertrude Barber Center
- Great Lakes Rehabilitation Hospital
- Hamot Medical Center
- Lake Erie Institute of Rehabilitation
- Mars Home for Youth
- West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation
- Meadville Medical Center
- Erie Insurance
- NYU Medical Center
- Office of Children and Youth
- St. Vincent's Health Center
- Stairways, Inc.
- State of Florida, Department of Labor
- The Devereux Foundation (Baltimore)
- Case Western Reserve University
- Clark University
- University of Maryland, Baltimore
- Johns Hopkins University
- Edinboro University of PA
- Gannon University
- George Mason University
- University of Texas, Galveston, Medical School
- Kent State University
- Michigan State University
- Portland State University
- University of Iowa

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GENERAL EDUCATION (45 credits)

Key to Symbols

- * Students may complete any 9 credits of GN sciences.
- ** Students may complete any 3 credits of GHA as long as the total equals 3 or more credits.
- *** A student may request an exception in order to establish a focus in one area. For example, a student may opt to take *one* course in the Social and Behavioral Sciences, *two* in the Arts, and *three* in the Humanities—referred to as the 3-6-9 sequence.

Key to Symbols	Writing/Speaking Courses (9 credits)	Your Courses	Credits
	ENGL 015 or 030H (GWS)		3
	ENGL 202A, B, C or D (GWS)		3
	CAS 100A, B, C, or H (GWS)		3
Natural Science Courses (GN)* (9 credits)		Your Courses	Credits
			3
			3
			3
Quantification Courses (GQ) (6 credits)		Your Courses	Credits
	MATH 21 (GQ) or higher		3
			3
Health and Physical Activity (GHA)** (3 credits)		Your Courses	Credits
			1.5
			1.5
Arts Courses (GA)*** (6 credits)		Your Courses	Credits
			3
			3
Humanities Courses (GH)*** (6 credits)		Your Courses	Credits
			3
			3
Social/Behavioral Courses (GS)*** (6 credits)		Your Courses	Credits
			3
			3

Additional Graduation Requirements

Key to Symbols

- **Can also be counted toward General Education or major requirements.
- + Effective for students enrolling in or after summer session 2005.

Course Type: Additional Requirements	Your Courses	Credits
First-Year Seminar (Included in electives or general education)		1
Writing Across the Curriculum in the major (W)**	PSYCH 406W	3
International Cultures (IL)**+		3
United States Cultures (US)**+		3

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements (12–24 credits)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE (0–12 credits): students must attain 12th credit level proficiency.

This requirement is governed by a placement policy dictated by the number of levels of foreign language completed prior to admission to college.

Courses: Foreign Language	Credits
	4
	4
	4

B.A. KNOWLEDGE DOMAINS (9 credits)

Formerly, students were required to complete 3 credits in each of three domains (Arts, Humanities, Social & Behavioral Sciences). Effective Summer 2005, students are permitted to complete all 9 credits in any one of six domains or a combination thereof, but *courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major*. The six domains are Arts (GA), Humanities (GH), Social & Behavioral Sciences (GS), Natural Sciences (GN), Quantification (GQ), and Foreign Language *if* the coursework is in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit proficiency of the first foreign language.

See complete list of courses at: <http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergrad/barequirements/>

Courses: Knowledge Domains	Credits
	3
	3
	3

OTHER CULTURES (3 cr)†

Key to Symbols

† Cannot be used to satisfy the U.S. & International Cultures requirement.

See: <http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergrad/barequirements/otherCultures>

Course: Other Cultures	Credits
	3

RESEARCH CORE (16 Credits)

Courses: Research Core	Credits
PSYCH 100	3
PSYCH 200 or STAT 200	4
PSYCH 301W	4
PSYCH 406W	4
PSYCH 489	1

BASIC COURSE REQUIREMENT (15 credits)

Choose one course from each of the following 5 categories.

Courses: Basic Requirements	Your Course	Credits
Biological Bases of Behavior (choose from PSYCH 253, 260, 261, 269, 425, 439, 441, 450, 460, 461, 462, 464, 475, 478)		3
Social/Developmental (choose from PSYCH 212, 221, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 420, 421, 423, 424)		3
Cognitive/Learning (choose from PSYCH 253, 256, 261, 268, 413, 426, 427, 439, 452, 453, 456, 461)		3
Clinical/Applied (choose from EDPSY 014, HDFS 311, HDFS 315, PSYCH 238, 244, 270, 281, 370, 404, 405, 408, 414, 419, 438, 443, 470, 471, 476, 477, 481, 482, 484, 485)		3
Diversity (choose from PSYCH 230, 231, 232, 422, 432, 479)		3

PSYCHOLOGY IN THE WORKPLACE OPTION (18 credits)

Students must take PSYCH 281 and 15 credits of Business-related courses. 6 credits may be selected from PSYCH 482, PSYCH 484 or PSYCH 485.

Courses: Workplace	Credits
PSYCH 281	3
	3
	3
	3
	3
	3

SCIENCE OPTION (18 credits)

Students must take PSYCH 253, PSYCH 260A or PSYCH 261 and 15 credits of Science-related courses. 6 credits may be selected from PSYCH 253, PSYCH 260A or PSYCH 261 if not used to fulfill first requirement.

Courses: Science	Credits
PSYCH 253, 260A or 261	3
	3
	3
	3
	3
	3

HUMAN FACTORS/DESIGN OPTION (18 credits)

Students must take PSYCH 244, PSYCH 444 and PSYCH 253 or 256. In addition, students must take 9 credits of Psychology, Engineering and Business-related courses.

Courses: Human Factors/Design	Credits
PSYCH 244	3
PSYCH 444	3
PSYCH 253 or 256	3
	3
	3
	3

QUANTIFICATION (3 credits)

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science Option must complete an additional 3 credits of Quantification.

Courses: Quantification	Credits
	3

ADVANCE COURSE REQUIREMENTS (9 Credits)

Take 3 additional 400-level Psychology classes (except 494, 495, or 496).

Courses: Advance Course Requirements	Credits
	3
	3
	3

SPECIAL INTEREST/CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE (3 Credits)

Take a combination of three credits from PSYCH 294, 296, 494, 495, or 496

Courses: Special Interest/Capstone	Credits
	1-3
	1-3
	1-3

For a full list of Faculty in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, visit <http://psbehrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/faculty-staff-directory>

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