

PSYCHOLOGY ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester-by-semester sample course schedule for students majoring in **Psychology**. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help students stay on track to graduate in four years or less.

The philosophy of the Department of Psychology is embodied in the concept that psychology is a discipline that contributes to the understanding of human behavior and experience. The emphasis of the program is on the scientific study of behavior and practical applications of this knowledge. The objectives are to provide undergraduate majors and minors with courses of study and related experiences that offer:

- 1) A general avenue for increased understanding of human behavior;
- 2) A solid foundation for advanced study leading to careers in the fields of psychology, counseling and guidance, or to study in the health professions, social work, and pupil personnel services;
- 3) Training for bachelor's level entry into careers in mental health services, industry and human services; and
- 4) The ability to enhance the quality of one's life and to relate more effectively with others.

The undergraduate curriculum in Psychology terminates in a Bachelor of Science Degree. All majors are required to complete a total of 120 hours, 42 of which must be upper division (3000-4000 level) and 42 of which must meet the University's General Education requirements. The Psychology major consists of 33 credit hours of Psychology courses, including 15 credit hours of required courses and 18 credit hours of limited option courses that must be selected from four content areas.

Majors must earn a grade of "C" or better in all Psychology courses counted towards the major. Students who earn a D or F in a required psychology course must repeat the course and earn a "C" or better. In addition, if one course is a prerequisite for another course, then students must earn at least a "C" in the prerequisite course before taking the course that requires it.

Forty-four (44) credit hours of General Elective courses comprise the remaining degree requirements. Students with the assistance of an academic advisor can make decisions concerning their professional preparation when enrolling in general elective courses. Depending on one's career goals, minors to consider include Professional Writing, Spanish, Marketing, Business, Non-profit Management, Africana Studies, or Political Science.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category "Prior Learning Assessment" (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advanced Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, and Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA, contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners at (615) 963 - 7001.

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| Fall Schedule: First Year | | Milestones |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|
| Semester 1 | Hrs. | Semester 1 |
| UNIV 1000* | 1 | |
| COMM 2200 | 3 | |
| ENGL 1010 | 3 | Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700. Minimum Grade of "C" Required. |
| HUMANITIES** | 3 | |
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| ELEC*** | 3 | |
| Total Hours | 16 | |

*An Orientation course taken at another University may meet his requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

**Students may choose a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART 1010, HIST 1000, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, or RELS 2010.

*** Electives may be chosen from ANY Department, including Psychology. A student may consider using these electives to partially fulfill requirements for a minor or second major.

| Spring Schedule: First Year | | Milestones |
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| Semester 2 | Hrs. | Semester 2 |
| SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE* | 3 | |
| PSYC 2015 or PSYC 2010 (PSYC 2015 is preferred; however, either 2015 or 2010 meet the requirement.) | 3 | Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before PSYC 2125 AND PSYC 2185 and before all Upper Division PSYC courses. Minimum Grade of "C" Required. |
| ENGL 1020 | 3 | Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before taking HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum Grade "C" Required |
| MATH** | 3 | |
| Elective*** | 3 | |
| Total Hours | 15 | |

*Students may choose a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Social & Behavioral Science courses: AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON 2010, ECON 2020, GEOG 1010, GEOG 2020, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010, POLI 2010, SOCI 2010, WMST 2000 and URBS 2010.

**Students may take MATH 1110, MATH 1013, MATH 1710, MATH 1720, MATH 1730, MATH 1830, MATH 1910, and MATH 1920.

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SUMMER Schedule

Some students may choose to take summer courses or study abroad. Others may want to pursue opportunities that will prepare them for professional employment or graduate school. Your academic advisor can advise you about summer research programs and internships, and the TSU Career Development Center can advise you about summer jobs or career opportunities adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu.

| Fall Schedule: Second Year | | Milestones |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|
| Semester 3 | Hrs. | Semester 3 |
| HISTORY* | 3 | |
| NATURAL SCIENCE w/Lab** | 4 | |
| PSYC 2125 | 3 | Pre-Requisite for PSYC 3185, 4125, 4500, and 4820. Required Minimum Grade of "C" required. |
| PSYC 2185 | 3 | Pre-Requisite for PSYC 3185, 4125, 4500, and 4820. Required Minimum Grade of "C" required. |
| ENGL Literature**** | 3 | |
| Total Hours | 16 | |

*Students may choose from the following list of approved general education History courses: HIST 2010, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700.

**Courses approved as general education Natural Science with Lab courses include: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 1030, ASTR 1010, AGSC 2400, AGSC 2401.

***ENGLISH courses within the range of ENGL 2012-2320 will meet this requirement.

| Spring Schedule: Second Year | | Milestones |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Semester 4 | Hrs. | Semester 4 |
| HISTORY* | 3 | |
| NATURAL SCIENCE w/Lab** | 4 | |
| SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE*** | 3 | |
| PSYC Block 1 Elective**** | 3 | Minimum Grade of "C" Required. |
| PSYC 3185 | 3 | Pre-Requisite for PSYC 4125, 4500 or 4820. Minimum Grade of "C" Required. |
| Total Hours | 16 | |

*Students may choose from the following list of approved general education History courses: HIST 2010, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700.

**Courses approved as general education Natural Science with Lab include: BIOL 1020/1021, CHEM 1040/1041, PHYS 1030, ASTR 1010, AGSC 2400 and AGSC 2401.

***Students may choose a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Social & Behavioral Science courses: AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON 2010, ECON 2020, GEOG 1010, GEOG 2020, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010, POLI 2010, SOCI 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010.

****Students may choose a course from the list of Block 1 Psychology electives: PSYC 3300, PSYC 421 or 3306.

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| Fall Schedule: Third Year | | Milestones |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Semester 5 | Hrs. | Semester 5 |
| PSYC Elective (Block 2)* | 3 | Minimum Grade of "C" Required |
| PSYC Elective (Block 3)** | 3 | Minimum Grade of "C" Required |
| PSYC Elective (Block 4)*** | 3 | Minimum Grade of "C" Required |
| Elective or PSYC 4125 | 3 | For PSYC 4125, Minimum Grade of "C" Required and Pre-Requisite for PSYC 4500. |
| Elective**** | 3 | |
| Total Hours | 15 | |

*Students may choose a course from the list Block 2 Psychology Electives: PSYC 3150, PSYC 4130, or PSYC 3305.

**Students may choose a course from the list Block 3 Psychology Electives: PSYC 3210, PSYC 3410 and PSYC 3510.

***Students may choose a course from the list Block 4 Psychology Electives: PSYC 3230, PSYC 3310, PSYC 3530, PSYC 3590, PSYC 4125, PSYC 4240, PSYC 4250, PSYC 4360, PSYC 4370, PSYC 4400, PSYC 4515, PSYC 4516, PSYC 4517, PSYC 4605, PSYC 4606, PSYC 4607, PSYC 4620 and PSYC 4810.

****Electives may be chosen from ANY Department, including Psychology. A student may consider using these electives to partially fulfill requirements for a minor or second major.

| Spring Schedule: Third Year | | Milestones |
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| Semester 6 | Hrs. | Semester 6 |
| PSYC Elective (Block 3)* | 3 | Minimum Grade of "C" Required. |
| PSYC Elective (Block 4)** | 3 | Minimum Grade of "C" Required. |
| Upper Division Elective*** | 3 | |
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| PSYC 4500 or 4820 | 3 | Minimum Grade of "C" Required |
| Total Hours | 15 | |

*Block 3: PSYC 3210, PSYC 3410, and PSYC 3510.

** Block 4: PSYC 3230, PSYC 3310, PSYC 3530, PSYV 3590, PSYC 4125, PSYC 4240, PSYC 4250, PSYC 4360, PSYC 4370, PSYC 4400, PSYC 4515, PSYC 4516, PSYC 4517, PSYC 4605, PSYC 4606, PSYC 4607, PSYC 4620 and PSYC 4810.

***Upper Division Electives (UD) are numbered from 3000-4000. All students are required to earn at least 42 UD credit hours.

Upper Division Electives (3000-4000) may be chosen from ANY Department, including Psychology. A student may consider using these electives to partially fulfill requirements for a minor or second major.

| Fall Schedule: Fourth Year | | Milestones |
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| Semester 7 | Hrs. | Semester 7 |
| Upper Division Elective* | 3 | |
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| Elective** | 2 | |
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| Total Hours | 13 | |

*Electives (3000-4000) may be chosen from ANY Department including Psychology. A student may consider using these electives to partially fulfill requirements for a minor or second major. Consulting with an academic advisor would assist students in making a selection that would guide preparation for professional expertise.

**Electives may be chosen from ANY Department, including Psychology. A student may consider using electives to partially fulfill requirements for a minor or second major.

| Spring Schedule: Fourth Year | | Milestones |
|------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Semester 8 | Hrs. | Semester 8 |
| | | Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation |
| Upper Division Elective* | 3 | |
| Elective** | 3 | |
| Elective** | 3 | |
| Elective** | 3 | |
| Elective** | 2 | |
| Total Hours | 14 | |

*Upper Division Electives (3000-4000) may be chosen from ANY Department, including Psychology. A student may consider using these electives to partially fulfill requirements for a minor or second major.

**If student has met the required 42 credit hours of upper division courses, they may take ANY lower or upper division course (1000-4000) from ANY department. A student may consider using these electives to partially fulfill requirements for a minor or second major. Consulting with an academic advisor would assist students in making selection that would guide preparation for professional expertise.

Employment Information:

Our graduates work at various bachelor-level jobs after earning the baccalaureate degree, as well as enrolling in master's and doctoral graduate programs. Graduates with a B.S. degree in psychology may work in mental health centers, human performance health centers, substance abuse treatment clinics, social service agencies or any business in which an understanding of life is helpful (e.g., banks, human resources, business).

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major

Note that many job titles require an advanced degree. Psychologist, Therapist, Counselor, Professional School Counselor, Researcher, Research Associate, Applied Behavior Analyst, Case Manager, Lab Assistant.

Representative Employers:

Mental health agencies, school districts, universities, state departments, hospitals.

International Study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards the major or various minors. International study may have an impact on the academic map; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international Program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

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