

PSYCHOLOGY ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in [Psychology](#). The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

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 take a total of 34 credit hours of psychology courses. Of this number, there are 16 credit hours of required psychology courses and 18 credit hours of elective psychology courses (see charts below). Majors must earn a grade of C or better in all psychology courses counted towards the major. Students who receive a grade of D or F in a required psychology course must repeat and pass the course with a grade of C or better. When a course is a prerequisite for another psychology course, a grade of C must be earned in the course before taking the psychology course for which it is a prerequisite.

The major in Psychology allows students to explore their personal and professional interests through permitting majors to earn course credit in psychology or other academic disciplines. Forty-four (44) credit hours of General Elective courses comprise the remaining degree requirements. These electives must include at least 14 hours of 3000 and 4000 level courses. Students with the assistance of an academic advisor can make decisions concerning their professional preparation when enrolling in general elective courses.

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: Advance Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, American Council on Education (ACE) other Assessed 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, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners (615) 963-7001.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
UNIV 1000*	1	
PSYC 2010	3	PRE-Requisite Course: Must Be taken before all other PSYC courses with the exception of 2180; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
MATH**	3	
Humanities***	3	
COMM 2200	3	
Total Hours	16	

*An Orientation course taken at another University does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

**Students may take MATH 1110, MATH 1013 or MATH 1710

***Students must take 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.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
Social Science Elective*	3	
PSYC Elective**	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC Elective**	3	
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
Humanities***	3	Pre-Requisite course: Must be taken before PSYC 3180; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	15	

*The following courses meet the Social Science elective requirement: AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010, 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010.

**Students may choose course from the following list: PSYC 3210 or PSYC 3410, PSYC 3510. Students must remember not to duplicate a course option.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
HIST 2010	3	
Natural Science*	4	
PSYC 2180	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ENGL Literature**	3	
Electives***	2	
Total Hours	15	

*Courses approved as general education Natural Science with Lab include: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2020/2021 or ASTR 1010

**Courses within the range of ENGL 2012-2322 will meet this requirement

***A course may be chosen from ANY Department. A student, with the assistance of an academic advisor, may consider using these electives to partially fulfill requirements for a minor or second major

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
HIST 2020	3	
Natural Science*	4	
PSYC 3180**	3	Pre-Requisite or Co-Requisite for PSYC 4110 and a pre-requisite for 4500, or 4820; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Electives***	5	
Total Hours****	15	Student should seek admission to Upper Division

*Courses approved as general education Natural Science with Lab include: BIOL 1020/1021, CHEM 1040/1041, PHYS 2040/2041 or ASTR 1020

**Scheduling may prevent students taking PSYC 3180 in semester 4; the course may be taken along with PSYC 4110 (co-requisite) in semester 5

***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

****Students should seek admission to the upper division for information, see the Department Chair. Upper division admission is an official action taken by the Psychology Department. The student will be notified in writing that admission has been granted.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
PSYC 4110	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before PSYC 4500 or 4820; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC 4115 or 4116	1	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC Elective*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC Elective*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC Elective*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC Elective*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	16	

*Students may choose four (4) courses, two (2) courses from each block:

Block three (3) - PSYC 3210, PSYC 3410, PSYC 3510,

Block four (4) - PSYC 3230, PSYC 3310, PSYC 3530, PSYC 4240, PSYC 4360, PSYC 4370, PSYC 4400, PSYC 4515 PSYC 4516, PSYC 4517, PSYC 4605, PSYC 4606, PSYC 4607, PSYC 4620, and PSYC 4810

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
PSYC 4500 or 4820	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC Elective*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC Elective*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Upper Division Electives**	5	
Total Hours	14	

*Students may choose four (4) courses, two (2) courses from each block

Block three (3) - PSYC 3210, PSYC 3410, PSYC 3510,

Block four (4) - PSYC 3230, PSYC 3310, PSYC 3530, PSYC 4240, PSYC 4360, PSYC 4370, PSYC 4400, PSYC 4515 PSYC 4516, PSYC 4517, PSYC 4605, PSYC 4606, PSYC 4607, PSYC 4620, and PSYC 4810

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
Upper Division Elective*	3	
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Total Hours	15	

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

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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, 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 various minors. International study may have an impact on the 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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