# **Bachelor of Science in Psychology**

The Psychology major emphasizes the scientific study of human behavior in areas such as cognition, development, learning, physiology, personality, and social processes. The curriculum is designed to provide students with a broad background in psychological theory and research and to develop the analytical and critical thinking skills necessary to be good consumers of scientific information.



Administrative Support Assistant Jeri Fisher jsf5@psu.edu 717-948-6034

## **Program Coordinator**

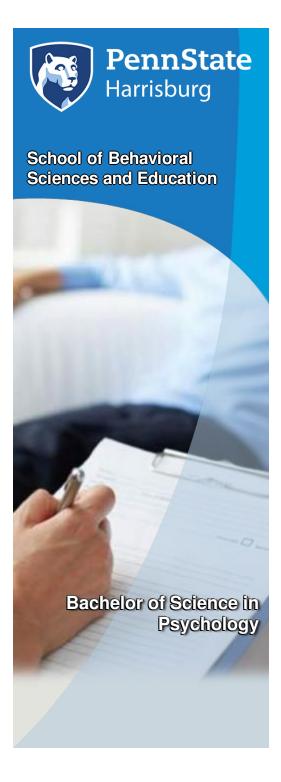
Cobi Michael, Ph.D. <u>cmk292@psu.edu</u> + 1 717 948 6036

Content reviewed and approved Fri April 7, 2023 16:30:54 pm





777 West Harrisburg Pike Middletown, PA 17057 Phone: 717-948-6205 Fax: 717-948-6209 harrisburg.psu.edu



# Curriculum

## **Applied Experience**

All Psychology majors are required to obtain three credits of an applied experience by completing an internship (PSYC 395) or by assisting faculty with their research (PSYC 494).

### **Graduate School**

Graduate study in Psychology is encouraged, and the Psychology program provides the background for graduate education at both the master's and the doctoral levels. Students with this goal are encouraged to speak with their faculty adviser as soon as possible to receive guidance toward a course of study.

## **Testimonials**

My experience in the psychology department at Penn State Harrisburg has been outstanding! The knowledge I've gained is invaluable and the faculty are extremely passionate about their students. Penn State Harrisburg has provided me with the hands-on experience, education, and confidence to succeed in the future.



Chelsea Hoffman
Current Student

Anticipated Graduation Year: 2018

### Courses

For a B.S. degree in Psychology, a minimum of 122 credits is required.

In addition to <u>General Education requirements</u> (45 credits), this major requires the following:

### FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:

(Included in ELECTIVES)

# UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:

(Included in ELECTIVES, GENERAL EDUCATION course selection, or REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

### WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:

(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

**ELECTIVES:** 9 credits

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** 74 credits (This includes 6 credits of General Education courses: 3 credits of GWS courses; 3 credits of GN courses.)

PRESCRIBED COURSES (10 credits)[1] ENGL 202A GWS(3), PSYCH 100 GS(3) (Sem: 1-4)

PSYCH 301W(4) (Sem: 4-5)

## **ADDITIONAL COURSES** (46 credits)

See website for details

# SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (18 credits)

Visit for complete details.

# **Undergraduate Admissions Requirements**

Minimum high school course requirements for admission to baccalaureate (four-year) degree programs are listed below. Keep in mind that specific programs may have additional requirements or recommendations.

#### **English**

Four units, including one unit each in composition and literature, are required.

#### Social Studies/Art/Humanities

Three units in any combination of social studies, arts, and humanities are required.

### **World Language**

Two units in a single world language other than English are required. However, a student may be admitted with fewer than two units in a world language other than English, but must correct this deficiency by the time s/he earns 60 credits or graduates from Penn State, whichever comes first. This deficiency may be corrected by passing one three- or four-credit college level world language course or by demonstrating proficiency equivalent to two units of high school world language study.

Either a third unit in the same language or an additional unit in a second world language other than English is recommended.

#### Science

Three units of science are required Preparation in chemistry and physics is recommended but not required for our Science and Engineering/Engineering Technology programs

#### Math

Three units of mathematics are required (four are recommended), selected from any combination of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry

Some programs have additional mathematics requirements. Our Business, Engineering/Engineering Technology, and Science programs require one-half unit of trigonometry or higher level math within the required three units

Penn State requires proof of graduation or a GED for admission to four-year degree programs.

\*In most high school curricula, one unit = one year.

Visit Undergraduate Admissions: Admissions Requirements for more information (http://goo.gl/eVGAMB)