# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

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**For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:**

**Summer 2014 through Spring 2015**

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### Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required

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**OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.**

### GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses graded P/NP will not apply.

#### University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

**Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)**

- **English Composition** (6 hours, 2 courses)
  1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition
  2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1212, Expository Writing

- **Foreign Language** (0-13 hours in the same language)
  - The College of Arts and Sciences requirement cannot be met by high school coursework
  - 1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours)
  - 2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours)
  - 3. Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours)

- **Mathematics** (3 hours, 1 course)

**Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.

- **1. Biological Science**
  - Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PHIO.

- **2. Physical Science**
  - Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.

**Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)**

1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government
2. ______________________________

**Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours, 6 courses)**

1. **Understanding Artistic Forms** (3 hours, 1 course)
2. **Western Civilization and Culture** (6 hours, 2 courses)
   1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,
   2. ______________________________ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)
3. **Non-Western Culture** (3 hours, 1 course):
4. **Additional Core IV Humanities courses** (6 upper-division hours, 2 courses at the 3000-4000-level).

- 1. ______________________________
- 2. ______________________________

**Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience** (3 hours, 1 course):

- College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

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### Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

#### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

**A. Four Courses (13 hours)**

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**B. Two courses (6 hours) from:**

- 2403 Introduction to Personality
- 2603 Developmental Psychology
- 3203 Cognitive Psychology
- 3703 Social Psychology

**C. Four courses (12 hours) from:**

- 3003 Adv. Undergraduate Statistics, or
- 4023 Psy. Tests & Measurements
- 3083 Animal Behavior
- 3803 Physiological Psychology
- 4243 Decision-Making & Problem-Solving
- 4253 Topics in Cognitive Science
- 4263 Psychology & Law
- 4453 Abnormal Psychology
- 4753 Industrial Psychology

**D. Three upper-division Psychology electives: (9 hours)**

**E. Five hours of supervised Independent Study**

**F. Senior Capstone Course (3 hours)**

- 4113 Capstone Survey of Major Fields in Psychology
- 4143 Capstone Practicum Experience
- 4153 Capstone History of Psychology

### MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

**Computer Science (3 hours) from:**

- C S 1313 Programming for Nonmajors
- 1323 Intr. to Comp. Program.
- 2503 Computing for Beh. Sci.

**Math (3 hours) from:**

- 1823 Calculus & Analytic Geometry I

**Biological Science (5 hours)**

- BIOL 1114 Introductory Zoology
- BIOL 1121 Intro. Zoology Lab

**Physical Sciences (8-10 hours) from:**

- CHEM 1315 & 1415 Gen. Chemistry or
- PHYS 2414 & 2424 Gen. Physics for Life Science Oriented Majors

**Additional Science (6-8 hrs. including 3 upper-division) from:**

- CHEM 1415, 3012, 3013, 3453, 3653,
- 3753; CS 2413; MATH 2123, 3333,
- 4735, 4753; MBIO 4843; PHYS 2424;
- BIOL 2013, 3013, 3214, 3333.

**History of Science or Phil. (3 hrs.) from:**

- HSCI 3013 Hist. of Sci to Newton
- HSCI 3023 Hist. of Science since
- 17th Century
- PHIL 3123 Logic & Sci. Method
- PHIL 4613 Philosophy of Science

**Free Electives**

Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.
INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL HOURS: A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

UPPER- DIVISION HOURS: A minimum of 48 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

ARTS AND SCIENCES HOURS: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

MAJOR WORK: A minimum of 30 semester hours must be earned in the major, including a minimum of 15 credit hours at the upper-level division.

PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

P.E. COURSES: No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

RESIDENCY:
- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are not considered resident credit.
- Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

GRADE POINT AVERAGES: Students must earn a minimum overall 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

SPECIAL DEGREES: Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION: Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. The graduation application is available on line on your Ozone site. Deadlines for the OU Graduation Application are: March 1 for Spring certification and the University of Oklahoma Commencement book; July 1 for Summer graduation certification; and, October 1 for Fall graduation certification.

Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Psychology (Professional Option) - B801

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksum for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Psychology academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Psychology major requirements.

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Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their college academic counselor. ELLH 124, 325-4411, http://ou.edu/cas. Please make an appointment for a degree check with your college academic counselor once you have earned 90 hours. Appointments may be scheduled at https://advisc.ou.edu/.