

**Recommended Academic Plan for Psychology (PSHBA at Penn State Behrend)**

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
First-Year Seminar	1	CMPSC 100 Computer Fundamentals and Applications (See Program Notes)	3
ENGL 015 (GWS) Rhetoric and Composition or ENGL 030 (GWS) Honors Freshman Composition	3	PSYCH 200-level	3
<b>PSYCH 100</b> Introductory Psychology	3	General Education (GA, GH, or GS)*	3
Quantification (GQ) or Natural Science (GN)**	3	General Education (GA, GH, or GS)*	3
Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1.5	Foreign Language (Level Two)#	4
Foreign Language (Level One)#	4		
Total Credits:	15.5	Total Credits:	16
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
PSYCH 200-level	3	PSYCH 200-level	3
PSYCH 200-level	3	<b>PSYCH 200</b> Elementary Statistics in Psychology	4
CAS 100 (GWS) Effective Speech	3	General Education Selection*	3
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Foreign Language (Level Three)#	4	ENGL 202A (GWS) Effective Writing: Writing in the Social Sciences	3
Total Credits:	16	Total Credits:	16
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
<b>PSYCH 301W</b> Basic Research Methods in Psychology	4	<b>PSYCH 406W</b> Advanced Research Projects in Psychology	4
<b>PSYCH 400-level</b>	3	<b>PSYCH 400-level</b>	3
Bachelor of Arts Other Cultures Course	3	BA Knowledge Domains	3
General Education Selection*	3	Elective	3
Psychology	3	General Education Selection*	3
Total Credits:	16	Total Credits:	16
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
<b>PSYCH 400-level</b>	3	<b>PSYCH 494</b> Research Projects, <b>PSYCH 495</b> Internship, <b>PSYCH 496</b> Independent Studies, or other psychology course	3
BA Knowledge Domains	3	BA Knowledge Domains	3
General Education Selection**	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	General Education Selection**	3
Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1.5		
Total Credits:	16.5	Total Credits:	15

- #This requirement is governed by a placement policy dictated by the number of levels of foreign language completed prior to admission to college.
- **Bold type** indicates courses requiring a quality grade of C or better.
- *Italics* indicate courses that satisfy both major and General Education requirements.
- GWS, GHA, GQ, GN, GA, GH, and GS are codes used to identify General Education requirements.
- \*Students need 6 credits in GA, 6 credits in GH, and 6 credits in GS. Courses may not be taken in the area of the student’s primary major.
- \*\*Students need 6 credits in GQ and 9 credits in GN; one Natural Science (GN) course must include a laboratory component.
- US, IL, and US;IL are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University United States/International Cultures requirements.
- W is the code used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirements.

**Scheduling patterns for courses not taught each semester:**

**Program Notes:** Students can double count US & IL requirements for general education courses but not for the Other Cultures requirement.  
Recommended: *CMPSC 203* (GQ)\*\* Intro. to Spreadsheets and Databases as substitution for CMPSC 100

**Academic Advising Notes:**