

PSYCHOLOGY: PRE-LAW, BA

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2021-2022. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation>).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.00

Total Hours: 120

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
<i>English Composition</i>		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
or ENGL 1313	Critical Analysis and Writing I	
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 1213	Composition II	
ENGL 1413	Critical Analysis and Writing II	
ENGL 3323	Technical Writing	
<i>American History & Government</i>		
HIST 1103	Survey of American History	3
or HIST 1483	American History to 1865 (H)	
or HIST 1493	American History Since 1865 (DH)	
POLS 1113	American Government	3
<i>Analytical & Quantitative Thought (A)</i>		
Select one of the following (or higher):		3
MATH 1483	Mathematical Functions and Their Uses (A) (or higher except MATH 1493)	
STAT 2013	Elementary Statistics (A) (or higher)	
<i>Humanities (H)</i>		
Courses designated (H)		6
<i>Natural Sciences (N)</i>		
Must include one Laboratory Science (L) course		
Course designated (N)		6
<i>Social & Behavioral Sciences (S)</i>		
PSYC 1113	Introductory Psychology (S)	3
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Courses designated (A), (H), (N), or (S)		10
Hours Subtotal		40
Diversity (D) & International Dimension (I)		
May be completed in any part of the degree plan		
Select at least one Diversity (D) course		
Select at least one International Dimension (I) course		
College/Departmental Requirements		
<i>First Year Seminar</i>		
(Transfer students with 15 hours exempt)		1
<i>Arts & Humanities</i>		
See note 2.a.		9
<i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i>		
PHIL 1313	Logic and Critical Thinking (A)	3

Foreign Language

See note 3 9

Non-Western Studies

At least one course

See note 2.d.

Upper-Division General Education

Select 6 hours outside major department

See note 2.c.

Hours Subtotal 22

Major Requirements

Minimum GPA 2.00 with a minimum grade of "C" in all PSYC courses

No more than 9 hours of PSYC may be 2000 level

Completion of PSYC 1113 with a minimum grade of "C"; and a minimum grade of "C" in MATH 1483 (or higher except MATH 1493) or STAT 2013 or higher required to declare major.

Core Requirements

PSYC 1111 Succeeding in Psychology 1

PSYC 3214 Statistical Methods in Psychology 4

PSYC 3914 Experimental Psychology: Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology 4

Select 30 hours, including at least one course from each of the 4 competency areas: 30

Learning, Cognition, Biological Basis:

PSYC 3073 Neurobiological Psychology (N)

PSYC 3113 Comparative Psychology (N)

PSYC 3173 Introduction to Cognitive Science (N)

PSYC 3513 Psychology of Learning

PSYC 3713 Psychology of Memory¹

PSYC 3823 Cognitive Psychology

PSYC 4023 Evolutionary Psychology (N)

PSYC 4073 Principles of Neuroscience

PSYC 4223 Decision Making and Problem Solving

PSYC 4263 Affective Neuroscience

PSYC 4343 Language Development (S)

Psychometrics, Personality, Social Processes:

PSYC 2743 Social Psychology (S)¹

PSYC 3033 Psychology of Humor (S)

PSYC 3013 Psychology of Motivation

PSYC 3053 Psychology of Art (S)

PSYC 3413 Social Cognition & Behavior; Mating, Morality, & other Mysteries¹

PSYC 4153 Psychology and Mass Media

PSYC 4333 Personality¹

PSYC 4813 Psychological Testing

Developmental and Sociocultural Dimensions:

PSYC 2313 Psychology of Adjustment

PSYC 2583 Developmental Psychology (S)

PSYC 2593 Psychology of Human Sexuality

PSYC 3343 Black Psychology (DS)

PSYC 4123 Psychology of Women (DS)

PSYC 4163 Psychology of Prejudice and Discrimination (D)¹

PSYC 4243	Psychology of Aging	
Clinical, Applied Psychology:		
PSYC 2443	Clinical Child Psychology	
PSYC 3443	Abnormal Psychology (S) ¹	
PSYC 3883	Positive Psychology	
PSYC 4013	Introduction to Pediatric Psychology	
PSYC 4143	Psychology and Law ¹	
PSYC 4183	Issues in Clinical Psychology ¹	
PSYC 4213	Conflict Resolution (S) ¹	
PSYC 4283	Health Psychology	
PSYC 4293	Forensic Psychology ¹	
PSYC 4483	Psychology of Parent Behavior (S)	
PSYC 4633	Psychology of Sport and Human Performance	
Other PSYC Elective Courses:		
PSYC 2890	Honors Experience in Psychology	
PSYC 3120	Special Topics in Psychology (1-12 hours)	
PSYC 3990	Teaching Practicum (1-6 hours)	
PSYC 4353	History of the Human Soul	
PSYC 4493	History of Psychology	
PSYC 4770	Undergraduate Senior Thesis (1-6 hours)	
PSYC 4880	Senior Honors Thesis (1-6 hours)	
PSYC 4883	Current Issues in Psychology	
PSYC 4990	Research Practicum (1-6 hours)	
Legal Emphasis		
Select 12 upper-division hours of the following:		12
AMIS 4013	American Indian Sovereignty (D)	
AMST 3333	Crime, Law and American Culture (S)	
ENGL 3223	Professional Writing Theory	
ENGL 3323	Technical Writing	
ENGL 4003	History of the English Language	
ENGL 4013	English Grammar	
GEOG 3133	Political Geography (IS)	
LSB 3213	Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business	
LSB 4323	Law of Commercial Transactions and Debtor-Creditor Relationships	
LSB 4403	Law and Entrepreneurship	
LSB 4413	Law of Business Organizations	
LSB 4423	Employment Law (D)	
LSB 4523	Law of Real Property	
LSB 4633	Legal Aspects of International Business Transactions (I)	
PHIL 3003	Symbolic Logic (A)	
PHIL 3413	Ethical Theory (H)	
PHIL 3803	Business Ethics (H)	
PHIL 3833	Biomedical Ethics (H)	
POLS 3033	International Law	
POLS 3453	U.S. Congress	
POLS 3533	Lobbying: the Art of Influence and Manipulation	
POLS 3523	Money, Media And Politics	
POLS 3963	State Courts and the Bar	

POLS 3983	Courts and Judicial Process (S)	
POLS 3993	Legal Research And Analysis	
POLS 4353	Administrative Law	
POLS 4363	Environmental Law And Policy	
POLS 4593	Natural Resources and Environmental Policy	
POLS 4963	U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
POLS 4973	U.S. Constitution: Separation of Powers	
SOC 3523	Juvenile Delinquency (DS)	
SOC 4023	Juvenile Corrections and Treatment Strategies	
SOC 4033	Comparative Perspectives of Criminal Justice Systems (IS)	
SOC 4313	Sociology of Law	
SOC 4333	Criminology (S)	
SOC 4733	Criminal Behavior Analysis	
SOC 4743	Criminalistics: Introduction to Forensic Sciences	
SOC 4753	Advanced Forensics	
SOC 4923	Sociology of Punishment (S)	
SPCH 3733	Elements of Persuasion (S)	
SPCH 4753	Intercultural Communication (I)	
SPCH 4793	Nonverbal Communication (S)	
Hours Subtotal		51
Electives		
Select 7 hours		7
May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department. See note 2.c.		
Recommended courses:		
POLS 2023	The Individual And The Law	
SPCH 2713	Introduction to Speech Communication (S)	
Hours Subtotal		7
Total Hours		120

¹ Denotes recommended courses.

Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- **Upper-Division Credit:** Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.
- **Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be applied to degree requirements.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. General Education Requirements

No more than two courses (or eight hours) from the major department (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/>) may be used to meet General Education and College and Departmental Requirements. The General Education required English Composition, required U.S. History, required American Government, one required MATH or STAT course, and required foreign

language for B.A. degrees do not count against the two-course maximum.

2. A&S College/Departmental Requirements

- a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (A), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (A) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.
- b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIO, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.
- c. The required six hours of upper-division General Education may not include courses from the student's major department. This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
- d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.; One 3-hour course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
- e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.

3. Foreign Language Proficiency

- a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
- b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.
- c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency

from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

4. Exclusions

- a. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum allowed from one department.
- b. Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

5. Teacher Certification

Students can satisfy the requirements for secondary schools teaching certification while earning a B.A. or B.S. in the College of Arts & Sciences. Those interested should see their Arts and Sciences advisor and the OSU Professional Education Unit in room 325 Willard.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2027.

Example Plan of Study

Finish in Four Plan of Study

The plan below is an **example** of how students can successfully complete degree requirements in four years. This suggested class schedule plan may be used as a guide and can be adjusted based on individual needs. Students are required to meet with an academic advisor prior to enrollment each semester to plan their class schedule, and students are ultimately responsible for completing all degree requirements.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
PSYC 1113	Introductory Psychology (S)	3
MATH 1483	Mathematic Functions and Their Uses (A)	3
General Education courses		10
		Hours 16
Spring		
PSYC 1111	Succeeding in Psychology	1
General Education courses		13
		Hours 14

Sophomore**Fall**

PSYC 3214	Statistical Methods in Psychology	4
PHIL 1313	Logic and Critical Thinking (A)	3
1713 First Semester Foreign Language		3
General Education courses		6
	Hours	16

Spring

PSYC 3914	Experimental Psychology: Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology	4
1813 Second Semester Foreign Language		3
Major, College, and Elective courses		7
	Hours	14

Junior**Fall**

2000-level Foreign Language		3
Major, College, and Elective courses		12
	Hours	15

Spring

Major, College, and Elective courses		15
	Hours	15

Senior**Fall**

Major, College, and Elective courses		15
	Hours	15

Spring

Major, College, and Elective courses		15
	Hours	15
	Total Hours	120