

PSYCHOLOGY: PRE-LAW, BA

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2024-2025. 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

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	Psychopathology (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)
<i>Legal Emphasis</i>	
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

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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.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. **Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be required to meet degree requirements. 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 required from one department.
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. Six upper-division hours are required from General Education or any CAS courses outside the student's major department (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/>). 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 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.** Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

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 2030.

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 or STAT 2013	Mathematical Functions and Their Uses (A) (or higher except MATH 1493) or Elementary Statistics (A)	3
General Education courses		10
Hours		16
Spring		
General Education courses		13
Hours		13
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
PSYC 1111	Succeeding in Psychology	1
Hours		17
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
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