PSYCHOLOGY - BA

All psychology majors receive a rigorous program of undergraduate education and training that encourages critical thinking, lifelong learning, and the analysis and integration of information about individuals and groups of people. The curriculum leading to a degree in psychology provides students with an understanding of human behavior and the ability to use scientific methods to answer questions about human behavior.

Students majoring in psychology may earn either the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. The psychology course requirements for the two degrees are identical; they differ with respect to the requirements in other disciplines. For example, the BA degree requires courses in a foreign language and extra humanities hours, whereas the BS degree requires additional hours in the physical and biological sciences.

Students interested in studying human behavior, with a humanities-oriented supporting curriculum, pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree. The BA can successfully prepare students interested in graduate and professional programs that stress a humanities background (e.g., counseling, social work, management, law), as well as students interested in employment in business or applied psychology.

Program Requirements

First Year
Fall
ENGL 104 Composition and Rhetoric 3
PBSI 105 First Semester Experience 1
PBSI 107 Introduction to Psychology 3
Foreign language 1 4
Mathematics 2 3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) 3

Spring
PBSI 245 Introduction to Psychological Science Methods 3
Select one of the following: 3
ENGL 103 Introduction to Rhetoric and Composition
ENGL 203 Writing about Literature
ENGL 210 Technical and Professional Writing
COMM 203 Public Speaking
Foreign language 1 4
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) 3
General elective 2

Second Year
Fall
PBSI 235 Introduction to Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience 3
Foreign language 1 3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science) 3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) 3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/) 3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Third Year
Fall
PBSI 301 Elementary Statistics for Psychology 4
Select one of the following: 3
PBSI 305 Psychology of Adjustment
PBSI 306 Abnormal Psychology
PBSI 307 Developmental Psychology
PBSI 315 Social Psychology
PBSI 319 History and Systems of Psychology
PBSI 323 Psychology of Adolescence
PBSI 330 Personality
PBSI 352 Organizational Psychology
PBSI 353 Personnel Psychology
PBSI 365 Psychology of Aging
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history) 3
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) 3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) 3

Semester Credit Hours 15
Spring

PBSI 302  Research Methods and Design in Psychology  4

Select one of the following:

- PBSI 311  Psychology of Animal Behavior  3
- PBSI 320  Sensation-Perception  3
- PBSI 332  Neuroscience of Learning and Memory  3
- PBSI 333  Biology of Psychological Disorders  3
- PBSI 336  Drugs and Behavior  3
- PBSI 340  Psychology of Learning  3
- PBSI 345  Human Cognitive Processes  3
- PBSI 350  Cognitive Neuroscience  3
- PBSI 360  Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine  3

American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)  3

Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)  3

Psychology elective  3

Semester Credit Hours  16

Fourth Year

Fall

Select one of the following:

- PBSI 311  Psychology of Animal Behavior  3
- PBSI 320  Sensation-Perception  3
- PBSI 332  Neuroscience of Learning and Memory  3
- PBSI 333  Biology of Psychological Disorders  3
- PBSI 336  Drugs and Behavior  3
- PBSI 340  Psychology of Learning  3
- PBSI 345  Human Cognitive Processes  3
- PBSI 350  Cognitive Neuroscience  3
- PBSI 360  Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine  3

Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)  3

Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)  3

Psychology elective  3

General elective  3

Semester Credit Hours  15

Spring

Select from the following:

- PBSI 305  Psychology of Adjustment  3
- PBSI 306  Abnormal Psychology  3
- PBSI 307  Developmental Psychology  3
- PBSI 315  Social Psychology  3
- PBSI 319  History and Systems of Psychology  3
- PBSI 323  Psychology of Adolescence  3
- PBSI 330  Personality  3
- PBSI 352  Organizational Psychology  3

PBSI 353  Personnel Psychology  3

PBSI 365  Psychology of Aging  3

Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/)  3

Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)  3

General elective  2

Semester Credit Hours  11

Total Semester Credit Hours  120

1 Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/) through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See academic advisor.

2 Complete 6 hours of mathematics core courses. Note that MATH 167 is not an accepted course in this degree program. Select two from the following options:

- Select one of the following: MATH 140, MATH 168
- Select one of the following: MATH 142, MATH 147, MATH 151, MATH 171
- Select one of the following: MATH 152, MATH 158, MATH 172
- MATH 150
- Select one of the following: PHIL 240, STAT 201

3 Courses in psychology may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

4 Select from PBSI 100-499 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pbsi/). No more than a combined maximum of 6 hours of PBSI 484, PBSI 485 are permitted.

A grade of C or higher is required if a course is to be counted in the major field. A student must complete a minimum of 36 hours of 300- and 400-level courses at Texas A&M.

No course can be counted in more than one category.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/) courses. A course satisfying a core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.