

## BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

This program is designed for the student who ultimately aspires to work in the area of mental health, social work, counseling, or substance abuse. It provides students the flexibility of being able to enter the work force immediately upon graduation or to enter a master's degree program in counseling or social work. The program provides a solid foundation of the basic knowledge in psychology and sociology, and provides for a concentration of courses dealing with applied and clinical aspects of human services professions. The specific objectives of this degree are to:

- Provide a knowledge base of the disciplines of psychology and sociology.
- Teach a variety of clinical concepts and skills which will be useful in applied human services settings.
- Instill an appreciation for the ethical principles governing the fields of psychology, social work, and counseling.
- Assist the student either to locate degree related employment or to be admitted to an appropriate graduate program.

A departmental exit exam is required of all students completing a degree in behavioral science.

### Bachelor of Science - Behavioral Science Major MAJOR CODE: 30.9999

Program components for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Behavioral Science include:

#### 1. **APPLICABLE GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:**

**To graduate, each student must:**

- complete a minimum of 33 semester hours of the last 39 semester hours at ASU.
- complete 60 to 64 semester hours of upper level college/university credit (300-400 level courses).
- complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper (300/400) level coursework in his or her major at Athens State University, not including courses taken by consortium arrangement. School or departmental regulations may require more than 15 semester hours of coursework in the major at Athens State University.
- complete all course requirements for major(s).
- complete all course requirements for minor (if applicable).
- complete all of the general education requirements for the degree.
- attain an overall grade point average of 2.0, a 2.0 on all coursework attempted at Athens State University and at least a 2.0 in the major field. School or departmental regulations may require more than a 2.0 grade point average (see major requirements in each discipline).
- complete the total hour requirement as specified by the degree.
- complete the teacher certification requirements (if applicable).

***EACH STUDENT MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE THAT IS BEING PURSUED.***

#### 2. **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**

<b>Area I. Written Composition .....</b>	<b>6 semester hours</b>	<b>__</b>	<b>__</b>
<b>Area II. Humanities/Fine Arts (12 semester hours)</b>			
<b>At least one fine arts course .....</b>	<b>3 semester hours</b>	<b>__</b>	
<b>At least one literature course .....</b>	<b>3 semester hours</b>	<b>__</b>	
<b>Other Humanities/Fine Arts courses .....</b>	<b>6 semester hours</b>	<b>__</b>	<b>__</b>
<b>Area III. Mathematics and Natural Sciences (11 semester hours)</b>			
<b>Finite Math or its equivalent required .....</b>	<b>3 semester hours</b>	<b>__</b>	
<b>Natural Sciences (lab based) required .....</b>	<b>8 semester hours</b>	<b>__</b>	<b>__</b>
<b>Area IV. History/Behavioral and Social Sciences (12 semester hours)</b>			
<b>At least one history course .....</b>	<b>3 semester hours</b>	<b>__</b>	
<b>Other History/Behavioral or Social Science courses .....</b>	<b>9 semester hours</b>	<b>__</b>	<b>__</b>
<b><u>TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS .....</u></b>		<b><u>41 SEMESTER HOURS</u></b>	

3. **MAJOR PREREQUISITE COURSES (PRE-PROFESSIONAL):**  
 CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications or  
 CIS 301 Problem Solving with Computers ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 General Electives ..... 20 semester hours \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
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**TOTAL MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS: ..... 23 SEMESTER HOURS**

**TOTAL GEN. ED. REQ. & MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS: ..... 64 SEMESTER HOURS**

4. **PROFESSIONAL COURSES:**

The following courses must be completed at the 300/400 level:

- PS 304 Drugs and Behavior ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 PS 331 Social Psychology ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 PS 332 Child Psychology or  
 PS 334 Adolescent Psychology or  
 PS 335 Adult Psychology ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 PS 341 Statistics with Advanced Topics in Behavioral Science ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 PS 352 Abnormal Psychology ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 Psychology Elective ..... 3 semester hour \_\_\_  
 SO 312 Majority/Minority Group Relations ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 SO 342 Methods of Behavioral Science Research ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 SO 360 The Contemporary American Family ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 SO 361 Social Analysis ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 SO 362 Deviant Social Behavior ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 Sociology Elective ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_

**TOTAL PROFESSIONAL HOURS: ..... 36 SEMESTER HOURS**

5. A minor is **not** required.

6. **GENERAL ELECTIVES ..... 28 Semester Hours** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
 The behavioral science major is encouraged to select electives related to work in the human services  
 field. Such electives would include additional psychology and sociology courses, but no more than  
 12 semester hours in these areas, and Human Anatomy and Physiology, Human Sexuality, and  
 Criminal Justice. \_\_\_

7. **TOTAL HOURS FOR GRADUATION ..... 128 SEMESTER HOURS**

**Behavioral Science Minor**

**Choose one from the following group:**

- PS 352 Abnormal Behavioral ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 PS 304 Drugs and Behavior ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 PS 406 Physiological Psychology ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_

**Choose one from the following group:**

- PS 331 Social Psychology ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 PS 332 Child Psychology ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 PS 402 Introduction to Clinical Psychology ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 SO 360 The Contemporary American Family ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 SO 471 Aging in a Mass Society ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_

**Required:**

- PS 334 Adolescent Psychology ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 PS 335 Adult Psychology ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 SO 362 Deviant Social Behavior ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_  
 SO 312 Majority/Minority Relations ..... 3 semester hours \_\_\_

**TOTAL HOURS IN MINOR ..... 18 semester hours**