

## PSYCHOLOGY (PS)

Students in psychology are offered a wide variety of courses designed to provide the basic knowledge and skills which are considered to be the basic foundation of the field of psychology.

Students entering the program will be assigned a Faculty Advisor during the first term. The student may consult the list posted outside the departmental office to determine his/her Faculty Advisor. The student should then meet his/her Faculty Advisor as soon as possible to review requirements of his/her chosen major.

During the last term, the student will be required to take an exit examination in psychology. At the present time, no passing score is required, but the student is encouraged to do as well as possible to help determine how much they have gained from their program of study.

### Bachelor of Arts - Psychology Major MAJOR CODE: 42.0101A

This program is designed for the student who ultimately wants to earn an advanced graduate degree in psychology. The program emphasizes high academic achievement and mastery of research methodology, which should prepare the student for high scores on the GRE and admission to nationally recognized graduate programs in psychology. After admission, the student is encouraged to take statistics and experimental psychology as soon as possible and then participate in a supervised research project. The specific objectives of this degree are to

- provide a knowledge base of psychology including major theories and research findings.
- teach a variety of statistical, methodological, and critical thinking skills which are needed for psychological research.
- instill an appreciation for the ethical principles governing the field of psychology.
- help the student achieve the highest possible score on the Graduate Record Examination.
- assist the student with application to nationally recognized graduate programs in psychology.

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

3. **MAJOR PREREQUISITE COURSES (PRE-PROFESSIONAL)**
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|--|--------------------------|-----------------|
| General Psychology .....   | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications <u>or</u><br>CIS 301 Problem Solving with Computers ..... | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| Electives in Psychology .....  | 6 semester hours         | ___ ___         |
| General electives .....  | 11 semester hours        | ___ ___ ___ ___ |
| <b>TOTAL PRE-PROFESSIONAL HOURS: .....</b>   | <b>23 SEMESTER HOURS</b> |                 |
| <b>TOTAL GEN. ED. REQ. &amp; PRE-PROFESSIONAL HOURS: .....</b>                               | <b>64 SEMESTER HOURS</b> |                 |
4. **PROFESSIONAL COURSES:**  
The following courses must be completed at the 300/400 level:
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|--|--------------------------|-----------------|
| PS 331 Social Psychology .....   | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 332 Child Psychology <u>or</u> PS 334 Adolescent Psychology .....             | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 336 Psychology of Learning <u>or</u> PS 410 History and Systems of Psychology | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 341 Statistics with Advanced Topics in Behavioral Sciences .....              | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 352 Abnormal Psychology .....   | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 380 Experimental Psychology .....   | 4 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 406 Physiological Psychology .....  | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 420 Cognitive Psychology .....  | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| Faculty Advisor approved Psychology electives .....                              | 12 semester hours        | ___ ___ ___ ___ |
| <b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL HOURS: .....</b>   | <b>37 SEMESTER HOURS</b> |                 |
5. A minimum of 24 semester hours of upper division psychology coursework must be completed at Athens State University.
6. A Faculty Advisor approved minor **is** required. .... 18 semester hours
7. **GENERAL ELECTIVES .....** **9 Semester Hours** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
The student is encouraged to select electives which will prepare him/her to obtain the highest possible score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Such courses would include geometry, additional literature courses, and science courses.
8. **TOTAL HOURS FOR GRADUATION: .....** **128 SEMESTER HOURS**

**Bachelor of Science - Psychology Major**  
**MAJOR CODE: 42.0101B**

This program is designed for the student who wants to major in psychology and have the freedom to select a broad range of electives. It provides a strong foundation in psychology and a solid general education background. The specific objectives of this degree program are to:

- provide a knowledge base of psychology including major theories and research findings.
- teach a variety of clinical skills which will be useful in applied settings.
- instill an appreciation for the ethical principles governing the field of psychology.

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

1. **APPLICABLE GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:**

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2. **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**

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

3. **MAJOR PREREQUISITE COURSES (PRE-PROFESSIONAL)**
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| CIS 301 Problem Solving with Computers .....               | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| Electives in Psychology .....                              | 6 semester hours         | ___ ___         |
| General electives .....                                    | 11 semester hours        | ___ ___ ___ ___ |
| <b>TOTAL MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS .....</b>                | <b>23 SEMESTER HOURS</b> |                 |
| <b>TOTAL GEN. ED. REQ. &amp; MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS:</b> | <b>64 SEMESTER HOURS</b> |                 |
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| PS 410 History and Systems of Psychology .....                       | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 341 Statistics with Advanced Topics in Behavioral Science .....   | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 352 Abnormal Psychology .....                                     | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 380 Experimental Psychology .....                                 | 4 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 420 Cognitive Psychology .....                                    | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| PS 406 Physiological Psychology .....                                | 3 semester hours         | ___             |
| Faculty Advisor approved Psychology electives .....                  | 12 semester hours        | ___ ___ ___ ___ |
| <b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL HOURS: .....</b>                               | <b>37 SEMESTER HOURS</b> |                 |
5. A minimum of 24 semester hours of upper division psychology coursework must be completed at Athens State University.
6. A minor is **not** required.
7. **GENERAL ELECTIVES .....** **27 semester hours** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
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8. **TOTAL HOURS FOR GRADUATION: .....** **128 SEMESTER HOURS**

### Psychology Minor

- Students who desire a minor in psychology must complete the following courses:
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| PS 331 Social Psychology .....  | 3 semester hours         |
| PS 420 Cognitive Psychology <u>or</u> PS 336 Psychology of Learning ..... | 3 semester hours         |
| PS 332 Child Psychology <u>or</u> PS 334 Adolescent Psychology .....      | 3 semester hours         |
| PS 352 Abnormal Psychology .....  | 3 semester hours         |
| PS 406 Physiological Psychology .....                                     | 3 semester hours         |
| Psychology Elective .....   | 3 semester hours         |
| <b>TOTAL HOURS IN MINOR .....</b>   | <b>18 semester hours</b> |