

PSYCHOLOGY: PRE-LAW, BA

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2025-2026. 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>Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>		
Select one of the following (or higher):		3
MATH 1483	Mathematical Functions and Their Uses (Q) (or higher except MATH 1493)	
STAT 2013	Elementary Statistics (Q) (or higher)	
<i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)</i>		
Courses designated (H)		6
<i>Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (N)</i>		
Must include one Laboratory-Based Inquiry (L) course		
Course designated (N)		6
<i>Exploring Society & Human Behavior (S)</i>		
PSYC 1113	Introductory Psychology (S)	3
<i>Diversity (D)</i>		
Courses designated (D)		3
<i>Global Cultural Competency (G)</i>		
Courses designated (G)		3
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Additional general education credit hours (at least 4 hours) are required to meet the total 40-hour minimum. If courses carry more than one general education designation and can be used to meet multiple minimum general education designation hours above, more than 4 hours of additional general education will be required here to meet the 40-hour minimum.		
Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F).		4
Hours Subtotal		40
College/Departmental Requirements		

UNIV 1111	First Year Seminar (or other approved first year seminar course)	1
<i>Arts & Humanities</i>		
See note 2.a.		9
<i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i>		
PHIL 1313	Logic and Critical Thinking (Q)	3
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
See note 3		9
<i>Non-Western Studies</i>		
At least one course		
See note 2.d.		
<i>Upper-Division General Education</i>		
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		
<i>Core Requirements</i>		
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
<i>Learning, Cognition, Biological Basis:</i>		
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 Memory ¹	
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)	
<i>Psychometrics, Personality, Social Processes:</i>		
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 Mysteries ¹	
PSYC 4153	Psychology and Mass Media	
PSYC 4333	Personality ¹	
PSYC 4813	Psychological Testing	
<i>Developmental and Sociocultural Dimensions:</i>		
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: ²	
AMIS 4013	American Indian Sovereignty (D) ¹
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 (GS)
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 (G)
PHIL 3003	Symbolic Logic (Q)
PHIL 3413	Ethical Theory (H)
PHIL 3803	Ethics, Society, and Business (H)
PHIL 3833	Biomedical Ethics (H)
POLS 3033	International Law
POLS 3453	U.S. Congress

POLS 3533	Lobbying and the Power of Organized Interests
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 (GS)
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 (G)
SPCH 4793	Nonverbal Communication (S)
Hours Subtotal	
51	
Electives	
Select 7 hours ²	
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.

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With approval from the advisor and department head, a maximum of 30 hours from an accredited doctoral law or health program may be used for this degree, including these 12 hours, 7 hours of electives and 11 more hours that can count to be transferred back from the law program. Up to 3 hours may be substituted from the required PSYC courses other than PSYC 1113 Introductory Psychology (S), PSYC 3214 Statistical Methods in Psychology and PSYC 3914 Experimental Psychology: Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology.

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 (Q), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (Q) 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 and 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 2031.