

West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2019-2020

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NAME: _____ WT ID: _____ DATE: _____

Psychology
Department of Psychology, Sociology and Social Work
OM 416 651-2590

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦		HRS
Communication (Core 10)		
ENGL 1301 Introduction to Academic Writing and Argumentation	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Core 20)		
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
Life and Physical Sciences (Core 30)		
Take two courses from (extra lab hours move to Core 90): ♦ ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1408, 1407* or 1409*, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1405* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1401 or 1403, 1402, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1411, 1412, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307		
	6	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Core 40)		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312**/***, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 Choose 1	3	
Creative Arts (Core 50)		
ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307, MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3	
American History (Core 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381 Choose 2	6	
Government/Political Science (Core 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)		
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
Component Area Option (Core 90)		
Take six hours from: ♦ AGRI 2300; BIOL lab hours (from Core 30); BUSI 1304; CHEM lab hours (from Core 30); CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; ENGL 1101, 1302*, 2311*; ENVR lab hour (from Core 30); GEOL lab hours (from Core 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); extra MATH hours (from Core 20); MUSI 1053; PHIL 2303; PHYS lab hours (from Core 30); SES 1120		
	6	
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 39 HOURS A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS ♦		
CORE 20 MATH 1314*, 2412*, or 2413* - (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Core 90)		
	3	
CORE 80 PSYC 2301 General Psychology		
	3	
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 36 HOURS		
PSYC 2272* Professional Psychology: Careers, Ethics and Research Methodology	2	
PSYC 2308 Child Development OR PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development	3	
PSYC 3310 Introduction to Statistics	3	
PSYC 3311* Experimental Psychology	3	
Take three courses from: PSYC 3350* Social Psychology PSYC 3320* Biological Psychology PSYC 3371* Principles of Psychological Testing PSYC 3430* Psychology of Learning PSYC 4319* History and Systems of Psychology PSYC 4335* Cognitive Processes		
	9-10	
PSYC 4360* Abnormal Psychology OR PSYC 4355* Theories of Personality	3	

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ANTH 2351 Cultural Anthropology OR SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology	3	
PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES: Take 9-10 hours (of which 9 must be advanced) to total 36 semester credit hours of psychology. See NOTE for recommended electives.		
PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES	9-10	
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTION		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6	
ELECTIVES: 36 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT ♦ See NOTE II for recommended electives.		
ADVANCED ELECTIVES—SEE NOTE I Eleven to twelve hours, unless upper-level courses are taken to satisfy bachelor of arts requirements.	11-12	
ELECTIVES (ANY LEVEL)	24-25	
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE	120	

♦ NOTE: The core curriculum must total **exactly 42 hours**; excess hours must be moved to the major as an elective or a major requirement and stay within the 120-hour requirement or approved total submitted to the Coordinating Board for degree requirements. Some majors specify particular courses to meet core curriculum requirements when options are available.

* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.

** While MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 will fulfill core math requirements, they will NOT prepare students for higher-level math courses such as Plane Trigonometry (MATH 1316) or Pre-Calculus (MATH 2412).

*** Or an equivalent course (second year, second semester) in a foreign language.

NOTE I: At least 39 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU, and 30 of the final 36 hours counted toward the degree must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.

NOTE II:

OPTION 1: PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Professional psychology option follows recommendations from nationwide graduate programs & prepares students to pursue a master's or a doctorate degree in various psychology specializations.

Graduate specializations recommendations: BIOL 1406/L & 1407/L (lab science core); BIOL 2401/L & 2402/L (BS requirement); SOCI 1301 or ANTH 2351.

Clinical or counseling psychology recommendations: PSYC 4360, 4355, 4361, 3371 & 3350; SOCW 2361; CD 2373.

Forensic psychology recommendations: PSYC 3373, 3350, 4335 & 4360; COMM 1321; PHIL 2303, CRIJ 1306, 3322 & 2328; SOCI 3374 & 4302.

Neuroscience recommendations: PSYC 3320 & 4324; CHEM 1411, 1412, 2523 & 2525.

OPTION 2: GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

The General Psychology Option provides a background for students whose career goals are in psychology-related fields (e.g., entering law school or the ministry) and not in becoming a psychologist.

Recommended courses: SOCI 1301 & 1306; ANTH 2351.

Note: This is NOT a degree plan. After completing 30 hours, students are encouraged to request an official degree plan by using the online [Request for a Degree Plan](#) form. If unable to use the online form, students can also submit a request in Old Main, Room 424 (or call 806-651-2668). Students who have completed 45 hours will not be allowed to progress without requesting a degree plan.



First Year			
Fall		Spring	
H o u r s 15	CORE 10-ENGL 1301	3	H o u r s 14
	CORE 20-MATH	3	
	CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE	3	
	PYSC 2301	3	
	CORE 90	3	

Second Year			
Fall		Spring	
H o u r s 15	CORE 70-POSC	3	H o u r s 15
	CORE 60-HIST	3	
	BS REQUIREMENT	3	
	PYSC 2308 OR 2314	3	
	SOCI OR ANTH	3	

Third Year			
Fall		Spring	
H o u r s 15	PYSC 3310	3	H o u r s 15
	PYSC 4360 OR 4355	3	
	PYSC REQUIREMENT	3	
	ELECTIVE	3	
	ELECTIVE	3	

Fourth Year			
Fall		Spring	
H o u r s 15	ADV PYSC ELECTIVE	3	H o u r s 16
	ADV PYSC ELECTIVE	3	
	ADV ELECTIVE	3	
	ADV ELECTIVE	3	
	ELECTIVE	3	

DISCLAIMER: This curriculum guide should be used in conjunction with the corresponding degree checklist for general planning purposes only. The degree checklist (later a student's official degree plan) should be referred to as the comprehensive list of all courses required for the degree. An official degree plan is required after completing 45 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.

* See checklist for options. **Core 90:** Lab hours for 4-hour Core 30 (science) courses and extra hour from 4-hour Core 20 (math) courses must be counted in Core 90.