Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology
Henderson State University
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☐ ___ Henderson Seminar (GEN1031 for anyone entering with less than 15 hours previous college credit)

Liberal Arts Core (C or better required for at least 38 of the 45 liberal arts core hours)

Liberal Arts Core: Essential Skills

☐ ___ English (6 hours)
   ☐ ___ 1. English A (ENG1463*; C or better before English B)
   ☐ ___ 2. English B (ENG1473) or English-Honors (ENG1803)

   Communication (3 hours; sophomore year)
   ☐ ___ Oral Communication (COM2013)

☐ ___ Mathematics (3 hours; sophomore year)
   ☐ ___ Math for Liberal Arts (MTH1033), Math through Practical Application (MTH1083), Algebra for Elementary or Middle Grades (MTH1213), College Algebra (MTH1243), Precalculus Math (MTH1273), or other advanced math courses (See HSU catalog)

☐ ___ Health & Recreation (1 hour; freshman or sophomore year)
   ☐ ___ Life Fitness Concepts (HPR1011) or any HPR activity course (see HSU catalog)

Liberal Arts Core: Academic Enrichment

☐ ___ Fine Arts & Humanities (6 hours)
   ☐ ___ World or Western Literature (ENG2013, 2023, 2683, or 2793; C or better in English A & B before Literature)
   ☐ ___ Humanities Art (ART2033), Humanities Studio (ART2603), Fine Arts-Honors (HUM2093), Humanities Music (MUS2033), History Music (MUS4363 & 4373-WI), or Humanities Theatre Arts (THA2033)

☐ ___ Social Sciences (9 hours; freshman or sophomore year)
   ☐ ___ 1. World Civilization to/since 1660 (HIS1013 & 1023), or World Civilization since 1660-Honors (HIS1043)
   ☐ ___ 2. US History-to/since 1877 (HIS2053 or 2063), or American National Government (PSC1013)
   ☐ ___ 3. General Psychology or General Psychology Honors (PSY1013 or 1073)

☐ ___ Natural Science (8 hours)
   ☐ ___ 1. Life Science (4 hours including lab): Biology & Lab (BIO1013 & 1021), General Botany (BIO2104), or General Zoology (BIO2114)
   ☐ ___ 2. Physical Science (4 hours including lab): Chemistry (CHM1004, 1014, 1034, 1044) or Physics (PHY1024, 2034, or 2234)

☐ ___ Non-Western Culture (3 hours; junior or senior year -- see HSU catalog for other options)
   ☐ ___ Cross-Cultural Psychology (PSY3043) or Multi-Cultural Mental Health (PSY3053)

☐ ___ Liberal Arts Elective (3 hours)
   ☐ ___ Anthropology (ANT2013), Economics (ECO2013, 2023); Foreign Language (FRE1013, GER1013, SPA1013, or higher level); Geography (GEO1023, 2163); Philosophy (PHI2013, 2083, 3043, 3053, 3113); Sociology (SOC1013) or any Civilization, US History, or American National Government course listed in Social Sciences

   Advanced Writing Across the Curriculum (3 hours advanced writing from these options)
   ☐ ___ University Writing (ENG3313), Technical Writing (ENG3613), Advanced Composition (ENG4453), Magazine and Feature Writing (MMC4223) or Creative Nonfiction (MMC4293)

*See catalog course descriptions for Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) course number equivalencies.
Major: Psychology Requirements

Required Core Courses (22 hours; plus 9 hours from electives below)

☐ ___  General Psychology (PSY1013)
☐ ___  Abnormal Psychology (PSY2023)
☐ ___  Developmental Psychology (PSY2263) or ☐ ___  Social Psychology (PSY3063)
☐ ___  Research Statistics (PSY2143)
☐ ___  Principles of Learning (PSY3533)
☐ ___  Principles of Learning Laboratory (PSY3541)
☐ ___  Research Methods (PSY3733)
☐ ___  Tests & Measurements (PSY4433)

Psychology Elective Courses (9 hours or more required)

☐ ___  General Psychology Honors (PSY1073)
☐ ___  Applied Psychology (PSY2033)
☐ ___  Developmental Psychology (PSY2263)
☐ ___  Human Diversity (PSY2373)
☐ ___  Special Topics in Psychology (PSY3003; may repeat when topic changes)
☐ ___  Cross-Cultural Psychology (PSY3043; Nonwestern Culture course)
☐ ___  Multicultural Mental Health (PSY3053; Nonwestern Culture course)
☐ ___  Social Psychology (PSY3063)
☐ ___  Personality (PSY3113)
☐ ___  Cognitive Psychology (PSY3153)
☐ ___  Infancy & Childhood (PSY3213)
☐ ___  Critical & Analytical Thinking (PSY3323)
☐ ___  History & Systems (PSY3273)
☐ ___  Motivation (PSY3303)
☐ ___  Forensic Psychology (PSY3333)
☐ ___  Special Topics in Psychology (PSY4003; may repeat when topic changes)
☐ ___  Sensation & Perception (PSY4283)
☐ ___  Physiological Psychology (PSY4293)
☐ ___  Behavior Modification (PSY4323)
☐ ___  Advanced Experimental Statistics (PSY4343)
☐ ___  Psychology in Literature (PSY4353)
☐ ___  Verbal Behavior (PSY4363)
☐ ___  Problems of Adolescence (PSY4383)
☐ ___  Love & Sexual Behavior (PSY4693)
☐ ___  Psychology of Religion (PSY4723)
☐ ___  Counseling Theories & Techniques (PSY4743)
☐ ___  Advanced Experimental Psychology (PSY4833)
☐ ___  Advanced Social Psychology (PSY4863)

Note: After doing Research Methods (PSY3733) students who want to present their data at regional or national conferences or write peer-reviewed journal articles may do so by taking Advance Experimental Psychology (PSY4833) or Advanced Social Psychology (PSY4863).

Courses offered outside the classroom include Practicum in Psychology (PSY4713) and Independent Study (PSY4703). These are special courses for advanced students. No one is automatically permitted to take these. Each student interested in taking PSY4713 or 4703 must submit a formal plan for the proposed project or volunteer work, which must be approved by both the mentoring professor and the person who will supervise the volunteer work.
**Foreign Language** (6 hours at intermediate level; French, German or Spanish)

☐ ___ 1. Elementary I
☐ ___ 2. Elementary II
☐ ___ 3. Intermediate I
☐ ___ 4. Intermediate II

**Note:** Technically only 6 hours in Intermediate are required. Elementary courses are prerequisites for the Intermediates, therefore most students must take 12 hours altogether. However, students demonstrating sufficient background *might* get to skip Elementary courses. Languages other than French, German, or Spanish might be permitted; check with the Foreign Languages Coordinator.

**Minor** (include at least one 3000-4000 level course; Refer to Minor Department’s specific requirements)

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**Junior-Senior Courses** (3000-4000 Level; 42 hours) Psychology (at least 9 hours), Intermediate Foreign Language (6 hours, if taken in the last 2 years) and Minor (at least 3 hours)

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**Note:** Students may not take 3000 level courses or higher until all necessary remedial work is successfully completed.

- Remedial courses do not count toward graduation. They do not count toward any requirements except completion of remediation.
- Remedial courses, if any are required based on your ACT scores, must be taken every semester until you pass them.
- Repeated courses only count once except when a class’s catalogue course description specifies that it may be repeated.
- Courses that meet requirements in two different areas (such as when General Psychology counts toward both Social Sciences and your Psychology major requirements) should only be added once when figuring your total hours toward graduation.
- No more than 7 hours of D may meet liberal arts core (general education) requirements. No more than 30 hours with a grade of D may count overall.
- No hours with a grade of F count.
- A student who earned 60 hours of credit from all schools attended may not earn additional credit hours at a two-year institution.

**Checklist for Graduation**

☐ Minimum GPA 2.00
☐ Completed all required courses (liberal arts core, major, minor, additional requirements)
☐ Repeat Major/Minor courses if you made D or F
☐ Apply for Graduation *before* final semester
☐ **Total hours (at least 120)**
☐ ETS Major Field Test in psychology
☐ *Commencement!!*