**Psychology (A.B.)**

**Recommended First Quarter Schedule**

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<th>Course</th>
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<td>PSC 1/1Y</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Foreign Language*</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Entry Level Writing Course (ELWR)^ or Lower Division College English Composition</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>GE Course or First Year Seminar</td>
<td>1–3</td>
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**Total Units:** 14–16

**Alternative Courses**

- *BIS 10/2B OR STA 13/PSC 12Y OR GE Course instead of Foreign Language* 4–5
- ^ Students should not take GE or major courses with Writing Experience (WE) until ELWR is satisfied.

**Placement Exams**

**Recommended**

**Foreign Language:** All students pursuing an A.B. degree in the College of Letters and Science complete a Foreign Language through the 15-unit level (For example: through SPA 003 or above.) Please see the UC Davis Language Center website for details on course placement or proficiency exams if you have familiarity with a language other than English.

**Not Required**

**Math:** The Psychology AB does not require the Math Placement Exam, but it is recommended if you are considering switching to or adding another B.S. degree. If you plan to take Math courses, be sure to review the placement requirements prior to enrollment.

**Chemistry:** The Psychology AB does not require the Chemistry Placement Exam, but it is recommended if you are considering switching to or adding another B.S. degree. If you plan to take Chemistry courses, be sure to review the placement requirements prior to enrollment.

**Computer Science:** The Psychology AB major does not require the Computer Science Placement Exam. If you plan to take Computer Science courses, be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

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**Recommended First Quarter Schedule Notes:**

- Taking (PSC 1/1Y & BIS 10/2B) or (PSC 1/1Y & STA 13/STA 12Y) is acceptable for students who want more of a challenge.
- For students considering graduate school for Psychology in the future, STA 13 is recommended over PSC 12Y. STA 13 is a prerequisite for PSC 103A, which is can be used towards the major and is required for many graduate programs.
- PSC 41 is never recommended in the first quarter even if the student received PSC 1 credit through AP/IB.
- Taking two or more science/math classes together is strongly discouraged.
- Students should avoid taking more than two major courses.

**Explore First Year Seminars:** [https://fys.ucdavis.edu/](https://fys.ucdavis.edu/)

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**Recommended First Year Goals**

- Confirm with your advisors about how any transfer coursework or AP/IB scores will apply to your major and/or degree requirements.
- Explore a new area of interest—many Psychology A.B. students minor in other disciplines!
- Read the weekly Psychology Newsletter email for information on programs, internships, and course offerings
- Tutoring is available for STA, MAT, CHE, and BIS through the Tutoring Center.
**AP/IB Exams and Major Requirements**

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<tr>
<td>AP Biology</td>
<td>5, 4, 3</td>
<td>BIS 10</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>AP Psychology</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>PSC 1</td>
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<td>AP Statistics</td>
<td>5, 4</td>
<td>STA 13</td>
<td>Yes; Not necessarily recommended - consult with advisor.</td>
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<td>IB HL Biology</td>
<td>7, 6, 5</td>
<td>BIS 10</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>IB HL Psychology</td>
<td>7, 6, 5</td>
<td>PSC 1</td>
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**Please note:** This chart only covers scores that yield major credit for Psychology A.B.
For the most up-to-date list of all AP and IB scores and their credit at UC Davis, please refer to the charts available on the UC Davis Admissions website. [https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/exam-requirements](https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/exam-requirements)

**Additional Information:**

It is not urgent to begin your major coursework in your first quarter. If courses are filled up, it is recommended to focus on General Education requirements. If you cannot register for PSC Major related courses in your first quarter, you will not be “behind” by beginning these courses later in your first year.