

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
CONCENTRATIONS IN  
POLITICAL SCIENCE, PSYCHOLOGY, & SOCIOLOGY**  
for students declaring major after May 19, 2006

**General Information:**

The Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Sciences degree is a multi-disciplinary degree with a strong core of introductory and advanced courses in the behavioral and social sciences. Students choose one of three concentrations (political science, psychology, or sociology) as part of the Behavioral Sciences major. Students complete the degree with a multi-disciplinary capstone seminar course to be taken their final semester before graduation in which they examine a contemporary issue or problem from the various behavioral and social science perspectives, thereby integrating the knowledge gained throughout the degree and its major.

**General Requirements for Graduation:**

1. Complete a minimum of 123 credit hours--100 hours must be in Arts and Sciences and concentration area
2. Complete a minimum of 36 credit hours in courses at 300 and 400 levels
3. Complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of upper division courses (200 level or above) at Indiana University East
4. Complete at least 15 of the 21 hours in Concentration courses at Indiana University East
5. A maximum of 60 hours of credit may be transferred from a junior or community college (2-year college)
6. Complete ENG-W 131 - English Composition I with a grade of C or better
7. Complete ENG-W 132 - English Composition II with a grade of C or better
8. Complete a culminating writing experience in their major (occurs in BSS-B 490).
9. Complete SPCH-S 121 - Public Speaking with a grade of C or better
10. Complete COLI-S 330 and COLI-S 360 with a grade of C or better in each
11. Complete at least one 100+ level Mathematics course with a grade of C or better (does not include MATH-M 117)
12. Complete BSS-B 490 (Senior Seminar) with a grade of C or better
13. Have a grade of C (2.0) or better in each Concentration course
14. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.3 (C+)

## Course Requirements for Graduation

### General Education Requirements (6 courses; 15 cr. hr.)

- a. ENG –W 131 Elementary Composition I (3 cr. hr.)
- b. ENG –W 132 Elementary Composition II (3 cr. hr.)
- c. SPCH-S 121 Public Speaking (3 cr. hr.)
- d. 100+ level Mathematics course (3 cr. hr.) (Not MATH-M 117)
- e. COLI-S 330 Computerized Statistical Analysis (1 cr. hr.)
- f. COLI-S 360 Computers in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (2 cr. hr.)

### Distribution Requirements (9 courses; 27 cr. hrs.)

Courses taken to complete general education requirements may not be used to fulfill the distribution requirements.

- a. Humanities and Fine Arts  
5 courses totaling at least 15 credit hours taken in at least 3 of the following disciplines:

English (excluding ENG-W 131 and ENG-W 132)  
 Fine Arts (excluding studio courses)  
 Foreign Languages (excluding introductory courses)  
 History  
 Journalism  
 Music History and Musicology  
 Philosophy  
 Religion  
 Speech and Communications (excluding SPCH-S 121)  
 Theatre

- b. Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
4 courses totaling at least 12 credit hours taken in at least 3 of the following disciplines - including a natural science laboratory course:

Anatomy and Physiology  
 Astronomy  
 Biology  
 Chemistry  
 Geology  
 Mathematics (excluding MATH-M 117, -M 125, -M 126)  
 Microbiology  
 Physical Geography  
 Physics  
 Plant Sciences  
 Zoology

**Major Requirements (21 courses; 63 cr. hrs.):**

a. Multidisciplinary Core (10 courses; 30 cr. hrs.)

General Core Requirements

BSS-B 130 Introduction to Behavioral and Social Sciences. (3 cr. hr and must be completed within first 30 hours of coursework)

PSY-P 103 General Psychology (3 cr. hr.)

SOC-S 100 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr. hr.)

ANTH-A 104 Culture and Society (3 cr. hr.)

POLS-Y 105 Introduction to Political Theory (3 cr. hr.)

Advanced Core Requirements

PSY-P 216 Lifespan Development (3 cr. hr.)

SOC-S 217 Social Inequality (3 cr. hr.)

POLS-Y 212 Making Democracy Work (3 cr. hr.)

Plus **two** (2) Additional Advisor Approved Courses in Behavioral and Social Science at 200-level or above in **two** (2) disciplines and outside of student's concentration area. (one may be in criminal justice or social work)

b. Diversity Studies (1 course)

POLS-Y 206 Politics of American Ethnic Minorities (3 cr. hr.), or

SOC-S 413 Gender and Society (3 cr. hr.), or

SOC-S 335 Race & Ethnic Relations (3 cr. hr.)

Other Diversity courses may be used with Divisional Approval.

c. Research Methods (1 course)

PSY-P 211 Methods of Experimental Psychology (3 cr. hr.)

SOC-R 251 Social Science Research Methods (3 cr. hr.)

Other Research Methods courses may be used with Divisional Approval.

d. Statistics (1 course)

(Research Methods course is a recommended prerequisite)

PSY-K 300 Statistical Techniques (3 cr. hr.)

- e. Behavioral and Social Science Senior Seminar (1 course)

BSS-B 490 Senior Seminar, final semester before graduation (3 cr. hr.)

- f. Concentrations (7 courses; 21 cr. hrs.)

Field of Concentration Requirements (Select **ONE** of the following three concentrations)

1. Political Science Concentration (7 courses totaling at least 21 cr. hrs.)

The following three courses:

POLS-Y 103 Introduction to American Politics

POLS-Y 107 Introduction to Comparative Government

POLS-Y 206 Politics of American Ethnic Minorities (This course cannot be used to fulfill the diversity requirement)

Plus **four** more advisor-approved courses (12 cr. hrs.) of Political Science at the 300-level or above are required.

Suggested Additional Coursework in Political Science:

Students are strongly encouraged to use 3 of their elective hours to take one (3 cr. hr.) advisor approved Seminar or Independent Study in Political Science (-Y 396; -Y 401 or -Y 480) or other advisor approved seminar or independent study course.

2. Psychology Concentration (7 courses totaling at least 21 cr. hrs.):

- a. Cluster A - **Two** courses (6 cr. hrs.) from:

PSY-P 325 Psychology of Learning (3 cr. hr.)

PSY-P 326 Behavioral Neuroscience (3 cr. hr.)

PSY-P 329 Sensation and Perception (3 cr. hr.)

PSY-P 335 Cognitive Psychology (3 cr. hr.)

- b. Cluster B - **Two** courses (6 cr. hrs.) from:

PSY-P 319 Psychology of Personality (3 cr. hr.)

PSY-P 320 Social Psychology (3 cr. hr.)

PSY-P 324 Abnormal Psychology (3 cr. hr.)

PSY-P 336 Psychological Tests & Individual Differences (3 cr. hr.)

c. Cluster C - A minimum of **three** additional courses (9 cr. hrs.) in Psychology at the 300-level or above from the following list. Courses not on this list may be used with approval by the Psychology Department.

Any Cluster A or B courses not counted above

PSY-B 386	Intro to Counseling
PSY-P 327	Psychology of Motivation
PSY-P 390	Special Topics in Psychology
PSY-P 425	Behavior Disorders of Childhood & Adolescence
PSY-P 450	Human Factors
PSY-P 457	Topics in Psychology
PSY-P 459	History & Systems of Psychology
PSY-P 460	Psychology of Women
PSY-B 309	Cooperative Work Experience in Psychology
PSY-P 495	Readings and Research in Psychology

Note: A maximum total of 6 credit hours from any combination of -P 390, -P 457, -P 495, and -B 309 can apply towards this 9 hour requirement.

3. Sociology Concentration (7 courses totaling at least 21 cr. hrs.)

Required Courses:

SOC-S 215	Social Change (3 cr. hr.)
SOC-S 230	Society and the Individual (3 cr. hr.)
SOC-S 340	Social Theory (3 cr. hr.)
SOC-S 254	Qualitative Field Research (3 cr. hr.)

Plus **three** more advisor-approved courses (9 credits) of Sociology at the 300-level or above are required.

Electives

Sufficient additional courses must be taken to bring total credit hours for the degree to at least 123.

Waiver

Students, in consultation with their advisor, may request an exception or waiver of degree requirements due to **special** circumstances. The Student Request for Exception or Waiver Form is available from the student's advisor. The student portion of this form should be completed and then returned to the advisor, who will forward it to appropriate individuals.

