B.S. Psychology Paralegal Studies Requirements

The General Psychology major focuses on developing a working knowledge of all fields of psychology and approaching topics with innovative and critical problem-solving techniques. Incorporating diverse perspectives into all our courses is a primary goal of our program. Another important goal of our program is to improve students' communication skills. This major prepares students for jobs in various fields and post-secondary studies in clinical, counseling, school, health, industrial/organizational, and educational psychology. Students gain valuable research experience by working with individual faculty and practical skills by completing supervised internships at local facilities.

The Psychology major with Paralegal Studies offers students a chance to simultaneously obtain a B.A. degree in Psychology and to complete Lehigh Carbon Community College's (LCCC) American Bar Association-approved Paralegal Studies Certificate which focuses on the paralegal profession and the limitations imposed by the unauthorized practice of law.

Note that all students must achieve 120 undergraduate credits and a minimum 2.0 overall GPA to graduate. The final GPA requirement for Psychology Paralegal Studies is 2.0.

Required Psychology General Core Courses – 18 credits

PSYC 11 is required for all other PSYC courses.

MATH 17 or higher (but not MAT 40) required for PSYC 200.

Prerequisite of PSYC 200 is required for PSYC 270 and all 300-level courses.

A grade of C or better is required for PSYC 11, PSYC 200, and PSYC 270.

PSYC 11 General Psychology (3 credits)

PSYC 200 Statistics for Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)

PSYC 270 Experimental Psychology (3 credits)

PSYC 310 Principles of Measurement (3 credits) (Another 300-level class can be substituted for this class with permission of the department chair)

PSYC 379 History & Systems (3 credits)

PSYC 380 Senior Seminar (3 credits)

Developmental Psychology - 3 credits

Select one of the following courses:

PSYC 110 Child Psychology (3 credits)

PSYC 120 Adolescent Psychology (3 credits)

PSYC 125 Lifespan Development (3 credits)

Social & Individual Awareness - 3 credits

Select one of the following courses:

PSYC 202 Psychology of Personality (3 credits)

PSYC 240 Social Psychology (3 credits)

PSYC 250 Abnormal Psychology (3 credits)

Learning & Cognition - 3 credits

Select one of the following courses:

PSYC 311 Learning, Motivation & Emotion (3 credits)

PSYC 340 Cognitive Psychology (3 credits)

Biopsychology - 3 credits

Select one of the following courses:

PSYC 312 Sensation & Perception (3 credits)

PSYC 325 Physiological Psychology (3 credits)

PSYC 332 Neuropsychology (3 credits)

Psychology Major Electives – 9 credits

Paralegal Studies – 21 credits

Paralegal Studies Core Courses

PLGL 120 Intro to Paralegal Studies (3 credits)

PLGL 150 Torts and Personal Injury (3 credits)

PLGL 200 Civil Litigation and Procedure (3 credits)

PLGL 215 Law Office Management (3 credits)

PLGL 220 Contract Law & Bus Organizations (3 credits)

PLGL 245 Legal Research and Writing (3 credits)

Required Paralegal Studies Elective Course

Choose a course or a combination of courses from the following list to be taken in a single semester to total 3 credits:

PLGL 125 Workers' Comp Practice (2 credits)

PLGL 130 Social Security Disability Practice (2 credits)

PLGL 135 Interviewing for Paralegals (1 credit)

PLGL 228 Immigration Law for Paralegals (3 credits)

PLGL 230 Estates and Trusts (3 credits)

PLGL 235 Family Law (3 credits)

PLGL 240 Bankruptcy Law (3 credits)

PLGL 250 Legal Internship (3 credits)

PLGL 255 Legal Writing (3 credits)

University Electives - 15 to 18 credits

Only 12 credits may be PSYC.

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This check sheet provides a mechanism for students and advisors to keep track of a student's progress in the program. Please refer to the program requirements for more details regarding options.

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Required Psychology Core Courses - 18 credits

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PSYC 11 General Psychology (C or better required)	3 credits	Grade:
PSYC 200 Statistics for Social & Behavioral Sciences (C or	3 credits	Grade:
better required). MATH 17 or higher (not MATH 40) is a		
prerequisite.		
PSYC 270 Experimental Psychology (C or better required).	3 credits	Grade:
PSYC 200 is required before taking PSYC 270.		
PSYC 310 Principles of Measurement (can substitute	3 credits	Grade:
another 300-level class for PSYC 310 with permission of		
department chair)		
PSYC 379 History & Systems	3 credits	Grade:
PSYC 380 Senior Seminar	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	18 total credits	

Developmental Psychology - 3 credits

Choose one course

PSYC 110 Child Psychology <i>or</i> PSYC 120 Adolescent Psychology <i>or</i> PSYC 125 Lifespan Development	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	3 total credits	

Social & Individual Awareness - 3 credits

Choose one course

PSYC 202 Personality Psychology <i>or</i> PSYC 240 Social	3 credits	Grade:
Psychology or PSYC 250 Psychopathology		
Total Credits	3 total credits	

Learning & Cognition - 3 credits

Choose one course

PSYC 311 Learning, Motivation, and Emotion	3 credits	Grade:
or PSYC 340 Cognitive Psychology		
Total Credits	3 total credits	

Biopsychology - 3 credits

Choose one course

PSYC 312 Sensation and Perception <i>or</i> PSYC 325	3 credits	Grade:
Physiological Psychology <i>or</i> PSYC 332 Neuropsychology		
Total Credits	3 total credits	

Psychology Major Electives - 9 credits

At least one course needs to be at the 300-level or above

Course 1:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 2:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 3:	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	9 total credits	

Paralegal Studies Core Courses - 18 credits

PLGL 120 Intro to Paralegal Studies	3 credits	Grade:
PLGL 150 Torts & Personal Injury	3 credits	Grade:
PLGL 200 Civil Litigation & Procedure	3 credits	Grade:
PLGL 215 Law Office Management	3 credits	Grade:
PLGL 220 Contract Law and Business Organization Law	3 credits	Grade:
PLGL 245 Legal Research and Writing	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	18 total credits	

Required Paralegal Studies Elective Course - 3 credits

At least one course needs to be at the 300-level or above

PLGL XXX	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	3 total credits	

University Electives – 15 to 18 credits

Only 12 credits may be PSYC courses

Course 1:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 2:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 3:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 4:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 5:	3 credits	Grade:
Course 6:	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	15-18 total credi	ts

Summary of Graduation Requirements

Total credits from major courses	60
Total credits from general education program	42-45
Total credits from university electives	15-18
Minimum total credits to graduate	120
Minimum overall GPA	2.0
Minimum GPA in major program	2.0

Additional Notes:

Note 1: A grade of C or better is required for PSYC 11, PSYC 200, and PSYC 270.

Note 2: PSYC 11 (with a C or better) is required before taking any other PSYC course.

Note 3: MATH 17 or higher (but not MATH 40) is required before taking PSYC 200.

Note 4: PSYC 200 (with a C or better) is required before taking PSYC 270.

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Each semester listed below provides information including course categories, typical credit hours (CH.), and space to add specific course selections. This planner is a suggested path. Consult with your advisor regarding your unique plans and interests as you make choices about your schedule.

First Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A1	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	FYSM 100	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	MATH 17 or higher not MATH 40	3 CH.	Selection:
	(Category C2)		
Major	PSYC 011	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PLGL 120	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Second Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A2	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC 110, 120 or 125	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC 200	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PLGL 150	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Third Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A3	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category C1	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC 217	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC 270	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PLGL 200	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	Selection:

Fourth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category C3	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC 202, 240 or 250	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC 311 or 340	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PLGL 215	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Fifth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A4	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC 312, 325 or 332	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PLGL 220	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Sixth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PLGL 245	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Seventh Semester Plan

Total		15 CH.	
Major	PLGL Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category A4	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:

Eighth Semester Plan

Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC 379	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	PSYC 380	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Additional Notes:

- 1. A "C" or higher is required for PSYC 011, which is required for all other PSYC courses.
- 2. MATH 17 or higher (but not MATH 40) is required for PSYC 200.
- 3. A "C" or higher is required for PSYC 200, which is required for PSYC 270 and all 300-level courses.
- 4. A "C" or higher is required for PSYC 270.
- 5. Only 9 University Electives may be PSYC
- 6. 9 University Electives must be non-PSYC and at least 100-level

This is to be used as an example of course curriculum, not as a requirement. As long as you have the prerequisites for a given course, you are welcome to enroll in that course. As a simple example, it is permissible to take PSYC 380 in the Fall of your 4th year.

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