DIVISION MAJOR - SOCIAL SCIENCES
PHILOSOPHY, SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY (PSP)
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The following information has official approval of the **Department of Philosophy**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

Italicized courses fulfill General Education requirements. Unless a course is specified, refer to the General Education guide at http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf.

1st Year	**Fall Semester**	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3600:101 or 3600:120	*Introduction to Philosophy* *(Humanities Requirement)* ***-OR-*** *Introduction to Ethics* *(Humanities Requirement)*	3	
	English Composition I Requirement (Note a)	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
	Physical Education Requirement	1	
	Mathematics Requirement	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
  7700:101	Beginning Language I (Note b) -***OR-*** American Sign Language I	4 **or** 3	
Total		**13-14**	

1st Year	**Spring Semester**		
3750:100	*Introduction to Psychology* *(Social Science Requirement)*	3	
	English Composition II Requirement (Note a)	3	3300:111 or equivalent
	Speech/Oral Communication Requirement	3	
	Natural Science Requirement	4	
  7700:102	Beginning Language II -***OR-*** American Sign Language II	4 **or** 3	Beginning Language I **or** 7700:101
Total		**16-17**	

2nd Year	**Fall Semester**		
3850:100	*Introduction to Sociology* *(Social Science Requirement)*	3	
	Natural Science Requirement	4	
	Free Elective (Note c)	4	
	Area Studies / Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
  7700:201	Intermediate Language I -***OR-*** American Sign Language III	3	Beginning Language II **or** 7700:102
Total		**16**	

2nd Year	**Spring Semester**		
3750:230	Developmental Psychology	4	3750:100
3850:315	Sociological Social Psychology	3	3850:100
3400:210 **or** 3400:221	*Humanities in the Western Tradition* -***OR-*** *Humanities in the World since 1300*	4	32 credits completed & 3300:111 or equivalent 32 credits completed & 3300:111 or equivalent
	Area Studies / Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	

	Intermediate Language II ***-OR-*** American Sign Language IV **–AND** Survey of Deaf Culture in America	3 **or** 3 2	Intermediate Language I **or** 7700:201 Sign Language students only
7700:202 7700:222			
Total		**16-18**	

3rd Year	**Fall Semester**		
3600:371	Philosophy of the Mind	3	Offered on a Rotating Basis
3750:340	Social Psychology	4	3750:100
3850:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Sociology Elective (Note d)	3	
	Humanities Requirement	3	
3600:3xx/4xx	Philosophy Elective (Note d)	3	
Total		**16**	

3rd Year	**Spring Semester**		
3600:461	Neuroethics	3	3600:120 or 3600:361 or permission, Offered on a Rotating Basis
3850:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Sociology Elective (Note d)	3	
3750:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Psychology Elective (Note d)	4	
xxxx: 3xx/4xx	Upper Level Electives (Note c)	6	
Total		**16**	

4th Year	**Fall Semester**		
3600:464	Philosophy of Science	3	One course in Philosophy or permission, Offered on a Rotating Basis
3850:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Sociology Elective (Note d)	3	
	PSP Elective (Note e)	3	
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xxxx:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Electives (Note c)	4	
Total		**16**	

4th Year	**Spring Semester**		
	PSP Elective (Note e)	3	
xxxx:3xx/4xx	Upper Level Electives (Note c)	5	
	Free Electives (dependent on amount of credits already completed) (Note c)	7-11	
Total		**15-19**	

	Minimum Credits for Degree	**128**	

ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have completed your General Education English, Math, and Oral Communication (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.

NOTES:

a. For English Composition I, 3300:111 (English Composition I) or 3300:113 (African-American Language and Culture I) are the recommended classes to the meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:121 (English) fulfills the English Composition I requirement. For English Composition II, 3300:112 (English Composition II) or 3300:114 (African-American Language and Culture II) are the recommended classes to the meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:222 (Technical Report Writing) fulfills the English Composition II requirement.

b. Demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language is required. See your advisor for placement. Please note that all four semesters must be completed in the SAME language and it's recommended you begin your first language class as soon as possible.

c. Free electives can be any course not already required by your major and upper-level electives can be any course (300/400 level) in or outside the student's major, excluding General Education courses or workshops. Because of the amount of free and upper level electives available for this major, it is encouraged to focus on a specific area of interest. Please consult with the University of Akron website, the Undergraduate Bulletin, and your Academic Advisor about possible minor options.

d. See list below for options for Philosophy, Sociology, and Psychology upper level electives.

Upper Level Philosophy Elective Options:	**Prerequisites**
3600:333 Philosophy of Science & Religion	
3600:340 Eastern Philosophy	
3600:455 Philosophy of Feminism	One course in Philosophy or permission
3600:424 Existentialism	One course in Philosophy or permission
3600:426 Phenomenology	One course in Philosophy or permission
3600:480 Seminar (on consciousness)	One course in Philosophy or permission
3600:481 Philosophy of Language	One course in Philosophy or permission

Upper Level Sociology Elective Options:	
3850:320 Social Inequalities	3850:100 or permission
3850:340 The Family	3850:100 or permission
3850:421 Racial & Ethnic Relations	3850:100 or permission
3850:428 The Victim in Society	3850:100 or permission
3850:433 Sociology of Deviant Behavior	3850:100 and 6 additional credits of 3850 courses or permission
3850:435 Sociology of Love	3850:100 or permission
3850:447 Sociology of Sex & Gender	3850:100 or permission

Upper Level Psychology Elective Options:	
3750:320 Biopsychology	3750:100
3750:335 Dynamics of Personality	3750:100
3750:345 Cognitive Processes	3750:100
3750:420 Abnormal Psychology	3750:100
3750:435 Cross-Cultural Psychology	3750:100
3750:474 Psychology of Women	3750:100 or 3001:300

e. PSP electives can be any 3600, 3850, or 3750 course that is not already required by your major.

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COURSES:

In addition to the General Education requirement and the completion of the second year of a foreign language, the PSP curriculum includes a combined 54 credits from the departments of Philosophy, Sociology, and Psychology—a minimum of 15 credits from each department. The PSP track focuses on "Understanding Ourselves and Others" and is designed to emphasize the significant overlap that exists among these disciplines in the area of mind and consciousness. Cooperation among these disciplines provides an opportunity to combine theory with experimentation—the final objective being to obtain true knowledge of the mind and its capacities and activities.

EMPLOYMENT:

The PSP curriculum provides a balanced blend of classes and is intended for students who wish to engage in theoretical analysis as well as experimentation in order to develop a deeper understanding of the problems relating to the area of mind and consciousness. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, growth in psychology and sociology-related jobs is expected to be average to faster than average through 2016. Particular growth is anticipated in health-related fields, as well as

industrial/organizational psychology, school psychology, criminal justice, and policy analysis, and students obtaining a PSP degree will be well-rounded and adaptive to these varying job opportunities.

PLACEMENT:
A student is encouraged to check with his/her major department and with the Career Center, Student Union 211, (330) 972-7747, regarding employment opportunities in the field.

TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: Students should apply to the college upon the attainment of:

- ✓ a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ a major GPA of 2.0 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ 30 credits completed including both required English composition courses and 3 credits of mathematics or statistics that meets the General Education requirement

Students can arrange inter-college transfers through an appointment with their academic advisor; advisor contact information is listed in “My Akron.”

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:
Degree requirements in Arts & Sciences include the demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language and a minimum of 47 credits (excluding workshops and General Education courses) consisting of either:

- Upper-level (300/400) courses both in and outside the student’s major
- Any courses outside the major department as specified in and approved by the student’s major department chair (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment) except workshops and General Education courses

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