

**HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PLAN**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) IN PSYCHOLOGY – FIVE-YEAR ACCELERATED**  
**CATALOG YEAR: 2025-2026**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ H#: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates for a single major undergraduate baccalaureate degree must complete a total of at least 120 credit hours along with the following requirements:

- No fewer than 30 semester hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000) courses.
- No more than 6 credit hours in Kinesiology activity courses or other student activity hours will count towards the 120-credit hour requirement.
- Complete the Liberal Arts Core Requirements
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours or 25% of the required hours, whichever is greater, of residency at HCU including at least 12 upper-level hours in the major.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major.
- If completing a MINOR, at least 9 upper-level hours of residency at HCU included in the minor with a grade of "C" or higher in all courses.

Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, each student MUST:

- Receive prior approval for any courses taken at another institution (up to 18 total credit hours only).
- File a degree plan with the Office of Academic Records before 60 credit hours have been completed.
- File an application to graduate at least one (1) semester before anticipated date of graduation.

**LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS: \*Course must be completed with a "C" or higher**

COURSES	HOURS	COURSES	HOURS
*ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I	3	*MATH 1305 Math for Critical Thinking or higher	3
*ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II	3	*BASC 1414 or any BIOL science with lab	4
ENGL 2315 or 2325 Great Works of Literature I or II	3	GOVT 2313 American & Texas Government	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	3	HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	3
CHRI 1301 Introduction to the Bible	3	Additional History (Choose 1): HIST 2312, HIST 2313, HIST 2323	3
CHRI 2373 Christian Theology & Tradition	3	ART 2343 Art Appreciation or MUSI 1331 Music Appreciation	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	3	COMM 1323 Rhetoric & Public Speaking	3
		<b>TOTAL HOURS IN LIBERAL ARTS CORE</b>	<b>43</b>

*Students transferring to Houston Christian University with 45 or more hours of transferable college credit are only required to take CHRI 3300, Introduction to Bible and Theology, to meet their Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Christianity requirements.*

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: All courses within major must be completed with a "C" or higher**

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	HOURS
PSYC 1313	General Psychology	LACC
PSYC 2301	Introductory Statistics	3
PSYC 2364	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 3410	Experimental Psychology	4
PSYC 4310	History and Theoretical Systems	3
PSYC 4322	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC 4334	Psychology of Religion	3
PSYC 4390	Psychology Capstone	3
	<b>Choose two (2) of the following courses. The courses chosen for the BA degree will be repeated at the graduate level for the MA degree portion.</b> PSYC 3313 Human Growth and Development PSYC 4330 Psychology of Learning PSYC 4332 Social Psychology PSYC 4353 Physiological Psychology	6
	<b>Choose two (2) of the following courses not taken at the undergraduate level. These two courses will count toward both the BA and MA degree.</b> PSYC 5330 Psychology of Learning PSYC 5332 Social Psychology PSYC 5353 Physiological Psychology PSYC 6301 Principles of Human Development	6
	<b>TOTAL HOURS IN BA PSYCHOLOGY CORE</b>	<b>34</b>
	<b>Choose twelve (12) hours from the courses below. Nine (9) hours must be upper level.</b> PSYC 2325 Dating and Intimate Relationships PSYC 2330 Human Sexuality PSYC 2340 Health Psychology PSYC 3305 Psychology of Personality PSYC 4316 Child Psychopathology PSYC 4323 Theories of Counseling PSYC 4326 Psychology of Dying, Bereavement, and Counseling	12
	<b>TOTAL HOURS IN MAJOR</b>	<b>46</b>
	<b>ELECTIVE HOURS REQUIRED</b>	<b>31</b>
	<b>TOTAL HOURS IN DEGREE</b>	<b>120</b>

**OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Community Life and Worship (CLW) credits: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 credits must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 credits may be CLW-B earned through community life events).
- FYS 1300 Freshman Year Seminar is required for all students enrolling at HCU with fewer than thirty (30) completed semester hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation does not count toward the 30-hour requirement. Students enrolled in 100% online degree programs will take a three-hour course, ONLN 1300 Introduction to Online Learning, in place of FYS 1300.

**BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEGREE PLAN. THIS DEGREE PLAN IS NOT VALID UNTIL RECEIVED & PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS.**

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMIC ADVISOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Office of Academic Records Use Only Processed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_