

Psychology, Social Science, BS

Important course prefixes to know:

PSY = Psychology
MAT = Math
STT = Statistics
R C = Rhetoric & Composition
UCO = University College

Important Gen Ed prefixes to know:

SCL = Sustainability & Climate Literacy Category
ICL = Intercultural Literacy Category
HUM = Humanity & Its Systems Category
FA = Fine Arts Designation
HS = Historical Studies Designation
LS = Literary Studies Designation
SS = Social Science Designation

Placement Exams for the Major:

1. [Math Placement Test](#)- Only if your SAT MAT was less than 550 or your ACT MAT was less than 22. Take this online placement test as soon as possible and prior to registering for classes.

If you don't pass the Math Placement Test with a score of 10 or higher, then register for MAT 1001.

If you score higher than 10 you can take either:

- MAT 1010 (followed later by STT 2810 for the major Stats requirement)
- or you can simply take Statistics (STT) 2820, which covers both the Gen Ed Quantitative Literacy requirement and the major Stats requirement.

First-Year Student Course Recommendations:

1. Enroll in **PSY 1200***
2. R C 1000 or UCO 1200 if there are seats available. If not, it's fine to take both classes in the spring semester.
3. MAT 1010 or Statistics 2820 (see Placement info above)
4. A course from the Sustainability & Climate Literacy category (SCL)**
5. A course from the Intercultural Literacy category (ICL)**

*PSY 1200 will count as your Humanity & Its Systems category (HUM) course, as well as your Social Science (SS) designation.

**Keep in mind that you will need to fulfill the FA, HS and LS designation requirements, so look for interesting courses in these categories with these designations

Alternative Courses for Your First Semester:

Can't get into the classes above? Try these:

- A [Foundations of American Democracy](#) course **unless** you've already met this requirement***
- A General Education ****Science Inquiry course
- A course from the Social Science Concentration section of the PSY Program of Study, such as ANT 2100, ANT 2215, ANT 2221, ANT 2222, ANT 2230, ANT 2235, ANT 2240, ANT 2300, ANT 2310, ANT 2330, ANT 2340, ANT 2340, ANT 2420, ANT 2430, ANT 2440, ANT 2700, ANT

2800, GHY 2035, GHY 2050, GHY 2055, GHY 2200, GHY 2300, GHY 2700, PS 2130, SOC 2020, SOC 2050, SOC 2850, PSY 2211, PSY 2212, PSY 2305.

- Other courses from any category in General Education

***You can check DegreeWorks to see if you already have credit for your Foundations of American Democracy course.

****Note that some science courses need to be taken sequentially (in order). Must have passing Math Placement scores or have completed MAT or STT courses to enroll in a science course. The science themes Chemistry Connections, The Physics of our Technological World and Physics with Calculus are not encouraged. These Inquiries are designed for specific majors (not Psychology).

Having trouble registering?

- Review the [Student Self-Service Guide](#) for Registration instructions and videos.
- If the courses above are closed, [add yourself to waitlists](#).
- Then add appropriate classes from page 2 of the [2025-2026 Checksheet](#) until you have registered for 12-15 total hours.
- Use the [Gen Ed Requirements in the Bulletin](#) to look up Gen Ed course descriptions.
- Use this [Course Prefixes/Subjects list](#) to know which subject to choose in the Class Search in AppalNet.
- Rewatch the [Gen Ed video in PREP](#) to better understand the Categories and Designations components of Gen Ed.
 - All English Literary Studies [ENG xxxx] (LS) designation courses have a prerequisite of R C 1000, First Year Writing.
- BOONE CAMPUS students: Here is a [color-coded 2-page General Education checksheet](#) (updated 3x/day) that shows which Boone Campus Gen Ed classes have open seats.

Have you built a 14-16 hour schedule using the classes above?

Are you looking for a class to help you build your skills to be successful in college and help you adjust to college life? Check out these elective courses: [College Success Seminar](#) and [Academic Success Courses](#).