

## Bachelor of Arts BA (Honours) Requirements

To graduate with your BA Honours from the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities (FSSH) the following criteria must be met:

- Successfully complete 120 credit hours
- Achieve a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Complete all major requirements as outlined for your major (as per the [academic calendar](#) and program map below)
- Complete at least 36 credit hours (12 courses) at the senior level (3000 or 4000 level)
- Complete no more than 42 credit hours (14 courses) at the 1000-level
- Complete at least 18 credit hours (6 courses) outside of your major, 9 credit hours of which are not at the 1000 level.

**Key Progression Courses:** We strongly encourage students to complete courses in the order/year they are listed where possible. Failure to do so may lead to unexpected delays in the completion of your degree requirements due to prerequisites. Key progression courses for your program include:

Year 1: PSYC 1000U – Introductory Psychology, BIOL 1841U Essentials of Biology

Year 2: PSYC 2900U Research Methods in Psychology, PSYC 2910U Data Analysis in Psychology (+ other required PYSC 2000-level courses which are prerequisites to many 3<sup>rd</sup> year PSYC courses)

## Elective Definitions:

**FSSH Elective** – any non-required course offered by FSSH, with subject code ALSU, COMM, CRIM, FPSY, INDG, LBAT, LGLS, POSC, PSYC and SSCI.

**General Elective:** any course that is not mandatory for your program to which you have the prerequisites and meet any restrictions on that course – courses from inside or outside FSSH can satisfy this requirement.

**Psychology Elective:** Any non-required PSYC course with a 3000- or 4000-level designation.

## Important Notes:

This program map helps you to track your degree progression during your studies at Ontario Tech and can be used as your guide for course selection and planning. Your Academic Advisor can assist you with reviewing and interpreting your degree requirements, we encourage you to meet with your Academic Advisor at least once throughout your studies to ensure you are on track to complete your program as expected. Please ensure your familiarity with the degree requirements in the Academic Calendar and review your transcript to verify accuracy.

## Specializations:

There are two specialization options that students can pursue, these requirements can be found in the [academic calendar](#). Student for prerequisites and may need special permission to register for courses outside of the Faculty.

- 1) Developmental Psychological Science
- 2) Affective Science and Mental Health

**Scan this QR code for more information, and to contact your academic advisor!**



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Year 1	BIOL 1841U – Essentials of Biology	PSYC 1000U Introductory Psychology	<b>Two of:</b> COMM 1100U – Introduction to Communication Studies CRMN 1000U – Introduction to Criminology and Justice LGLS 1000U – Foundations of Legal Studies POSC 1000U – Introduction to Political Science		General Elective
	SSCI 1910U – Writing for the Social Sciences	General Elective ( <i>ALSU 1101U Foundations for Academic Learning and Success is recommended</i> )	General Elective	General Elective	General Elective
Year 2	PSYC 2010U – Developmental Psychology	PSYC 2030U – Abnormal Psychology	PSYC 2060U – Cognitive Psychology	PSYC 2900U – Research Methods in Psychology	PSYC 3060U – Personality Psychology
	PSYC 2020U – Social Psychology	PSYC 2050U – Brain and Behaviour	PSYC 2910U – Data Analysis in Psychology	General Elective (2000-level or higher, not PSYC or FPSY)	General Elective (not PSYC or FPSY)
Year 3	PSYC 3910U – Advanced Data Analysis in Psychology	Psychology Elective	Psychology Elective	FSSH Elective (2000-level or higher, not PSYC or FPSY)	General Elective (not PSYC or FPSY)
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Year 4	<b>One of:</b> PSYC 4110U – Honours Thesis in Psychology I <b>OR</b> Psychology Elective	Psychology Elective	Psychology Elective	General Elective (2000-level or higher)	General Elective (2000-level or higher)
	<b>One of:</b> PSYC 4120U – Honours Thesis in Psychology II <b>OR</b> Psychology Elective	<b>One of:</b> SSCI 4098U – Practicum <b>OR</b> SSCI 4103U Internship <b>OR</b> Psychology Elective	Psychology Elective	General Elective (3000-level or higher)	General Elective (3000-level or higher)

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## Specializations

### Developmental Psychological Science

The specialization in Developmental Psychological Science requires that students complete five courses from the following lists, of which at least three of those courses must come from list A:

#### List A

[PSYC 3035U – Adolescence](#)

[PSYC 3045U – Child Maltreatment](#)

[PSYC 3075U – Biopsychology of Sex](#)

[PSYC 3330U – Developmental Psychopathology](#)

[PSYC 3530U – Developmental Neuroscience](#)

#### List B

[HLSC 2810U – Child and Adolescent Health](#)

[HLSC 4807U – Perspectives in Aging](#)

[HLSC 4808U – Exploring Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities](#)

[FPSY 3039U – Children, Psychology and the Law](#)

[EDST 2410U – Foundations of Adult Learning](#)

[EDST 3160U – Developing Literacy](#)

[EDST 4150U – Holistic Learning in Early Childhood Education](#)

### Affective Science and Mental Health

The specialization in Affective Science and Mental Health requires that students complete five courses from the following lists, of which at least three of those courses must come from list A:

#### List A

[PSYC 3065U – Emotion](#)

[PSYC 3090U – Social Affective Neuroscience](#)

[PSYC 3085U – Drugs and Behaviour](#)

[PSYC 3330U – Developmental Psychopathology](#)

[PSYC 3620U – Motivation and Emotion](#)

#### List B

[FPSY 3055U – Treatment in Forensic Settings](#)

[FPSY 4820U – Selected Topics in Antisociality](#)

[HLSC 1811U – Social Determinants of Health](#)

[HLSC 3463U – Human Genetics in Society](#)

[HLSC 4821U – Exploring the Mind Body Connection: Wellness Promotion Strategies for Life](#)

[BIOL 3060U – Fundamentals of Neuroscience](#)

[BIOL 4820U – Neuropharmacology](#)