

Psychology (3+3 Curriculum Plan)

12 credits in the major and 9 credits in the minor must be completed at Alvernia University When pursuing a double major, you must have 12 distinct credits between the two majors.

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
Diversity graduation requirement cannot be fulfilled through major courses; students should fulfill this with a GEN ED class			
Senior Capstone graduation requirement cannot be fulfilled through major courses; students should fulfill this with a GEN ED class			
SRH 101: Search Sem-Enduring Questions or HNR 160: Honor Search-Enduring Questions	3	PSY 130: Exploring Research (<i>must be taken before PSY 230</i>)	3
BIO 107: A&PI	3	THE 105 or PHI 105	3
BIO 117: A&P I LAB	1	MAT 208 (Pre-Requisite for PSY 230)	3
Gen Ed	3	Gen Ed	3
PSY 101: Introductory Psychology	3	BIO 108/118: A&P II lecture & lab	4
THE 105 or PHI 105	3		
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	16
Complete 5 hours of Community Service		Complete 5 hours of Community Service	
Students should expect to take additional coursework (3-6 credits of Gen Ed) over the summer or winter to complete this program. A BS in PSYCHOLOGY is awarded at the end of the 4th year. The remainder of the DPT curriculum will result in the earning of the DPT.			
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
PSY 250: Psychopathology	3	PSY 314: Application Theories/Tech <i>Spring Only</i>	3
PSY 230: Applications of Research (<i>Pre-req: PSY 130 /Pre-req or Co-req: MAT 208</i>)	3	PHI 200 level (or above) ethics course	3
CHE 104/110: General Chemistry I lecture & lab	4	CHE 105/111: General Chemistry II lecture & lab	4
PHY 110: General Physics I or Gen Ed <i>ONLY FALL</i>	3-4	lab BIO PATH 3 (BIO 211 Kinesiology Recommended)	3-4
Gen Ed	3	PHY 111: General Physics II or Gen Ed <i>OFFERED EVERY OTHER YEAR</i>	
TOTAL	16-17	TOTAL	17-18
Complete 5 hours of Community Service		Complete 5 hours of Community Service	
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
PSY 301: History & Systems <i>Fall Only</i>	3	PSY 413: Practicum II	2
PSY 412: Practicum I	2	PSY 423: Ethical and Professional Issue II	2
PSY 422: Ethical and Professional Issues I	2	PHY 111: General Physics II or Gen Ed <i>OFFERED EVERY OTHER YEAR</i>	3-4
PHY 110: General Physics I or Gen Ed <i>ONLY FALL</i>	3-4	PSY ELECTIVE or Gen Ed	3
PSY 208: Human Development	3	BIO PATH 3	3
Gen Ed	3	BIO PATH 3	3
TOTAL	16-17	TOTAL	16-17
Complete 5 hours of Community Service		Complete 5 hours of Community Service	
By January 15 of Junior Year: Must meet DPT Progression Requirements: GPA: overall 3.5; Science 3.5			
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
DPT 500 Gross Anatomy & Histology	5	DPT 502 Kinesiology	4
DPT 503 Applied Physiology for PT Practice	5	DPT 512 Critical Inquiry I	1
DPT 504 Practice Management I	3	DPT 516 Musculoskeletal Practice I	3
DPT 508 PT Procedures I	4	DPT 520 Neuromuscular PT Practice	3
DPT 522 Foundations of Clinical Practice	1	DPT 509 Found Clin Exam & Eval	5
		DPT 528 Cardiopulmonary PT Practice I	3
TOTAL	18	TOTAL	19
Complete 5 hours of Community Service		Complete 5 hours of Community Service	

Academic Policy on Eligibility for Participation of May Commencement Ceremony

The *academic policy*, which the Registrar follows, is: A student who has 6 or less credits remaining to complete the degree may participate in the May Commencement Ceremony. The Graduation Application is available online in myAlvernia on the 'Academics' tab. Seniors must submit the Graduation Application to the Registrar's Office as follows: October 1 for May Graduation; December 1 for August graduation; and March 1 for December graduation. If you have any questions, please call the Registrar's Office (610.796.8201)

Curriculum Sheets, EAB Navigate, and AUAdvise

The information on this page and the Curriculum Sheet is provided in AUAdvise - EAB Navigate as a static tool for discussion purposes when meeting with students to schedule courses. [Degree Audit uAchieve](#) remains the official source for each student's curriculum audit. Degree Audit uAchieve must be used together with the Curriculum Sheet to determine whether the information noted during scheduling meetings on the curriculum sheet remains accurate.

General Notes

- A minimum of 123 credits are required for graduation.
- Where appropriate, courses required for the major can be used to satisfy General Education requirements. However, the credits earned for these courses are applied to either Gen Ed requirements or the major, not both.
- Paths of Knowledge coursework may count towards major or minor requirements but may not fulfill a second Mid-Level Liberal Arts Exploration requirement.
- Students are expected to follow the catalog requirements for General Education, the major, and additional requirements.
- A minor or second major within the areas listed under Paths of Knowledge automatically fulfills that area of the Gen Ed requirements.
- Students must complete 45 of their last 60 credits at Alvernia University
- Students must complete community service hours as part of the General Education Program

Major Notes

The DPT program is offered in a 4+3 year and 3+3 year curricular format. Prospective students with an earned bachelor's degree from Alvernia or another four-year accredited institution are welcome to apply to the 4+3 year format. The 3+3 year format enables Alvernia students who are admitted into 1 of 4 majors to follow a curricular plan in that major with the intention to be admitted to the DPT program in their senior year, upon completion of all requirements. Interested students should contact Dr. Christopher Wise, Physical Therapy Department Chair at christopher.wise@alvernia.edu

All prerequisite courses must be completed within 10 years of application to the DPT Program.

**Admission Requirements subject to change.*

The following Prerequisites courses must be completed with a final grade of “C” or better:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II - 4 credits each with lab • Biology – 3-4 credits
- Chemistry I and II - 4 credits each with lab
- Physics I and II - 4 credits each with lab
- Social Sciences – 6-9 credits (psychology, sociology/anthropology, humanities)
- Statistics - 3 credits
- English Composition/Writing - 3 credits

In order to enter the DPT program within the Alvernia accelerated (3+3) format, students must complete the following pre-admission criteria:

- Achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.25, Science GPA of 3.0, Prerequisites GPA of 3.0
- Achieve a minimum grade of “C” in all Prerequisites courses
- All DPT prerequisite courses (listed below) must be taken at a four- year accredited institution. If taken at another institution, only courses in which the student achieved a grade of "B", or higher, will be transferred.
- All 3+3 students must follow the guidelines for applying to the program and submit all required documents through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS), which can be accessed through the DPT Program homepage. All decisions are contingent upon the applicant’s maintaining admission criteria throughout the final semester.
- A minimum of 100 hours of observation, which shall include experiences in a broad range of settings that include both outpatient and inpatient physical therapy settings. Recommended settings include skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, pediatric intervention settings, home health settings, acute or sub-acute inpatient rehabilitation settings, acute hospital settings, sports and orthopedic settings, and/or private practices.
- Three letters of reference that shall include one each from a: licensed PT, professor, and other non-family member. Applicants should ensure that their chosen references have knowledge of and can speak to the qualities/attributes required of a doctorally prepared health professional and to their readiness to handle the academic rigor of doctoral study.
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses taken in high school, if accepted by undergraduate admissions upon entrance into the university, will be accepted as fulfilling the Prerequisites for entrance into the DPT Program. These courses must appear on the undergraduate transcript.

- Non-science Prerequisites (statistics, social science, psychology) may be completed online. For science Prerequisites (biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy, and physiology), the lecture portion of each course may be taken online, but the laboratory portion of each course must be taken in a traditional laboratory setting.

