

BGSU Firelands 3+1 Program in Psychology (General Description)

Several years ago the president of BGSU proposed the concept of an “Academic Academy” for BGSU Firelands. Since then, at least two deans of the college talked about the possibility of this “3+1” degree program, as it is more commonly called. Now we have at least two such programs at the college that are intended to be offered at Firelands’ reduced tuition rates. The general idea of a 3+1 program is to create a structured course of study allowing a student to take up to three years of courses in a Bachelor’s program at this college and then complete the fourth undergraduate year at the main campus.

On one hand, such a program increases the availability of well-designed, degree oriented programs of study at Firelands for place-bound students or students who simply prefer the small college atmosphere. On the other, these programs also allow students to experience the enhanced facilities, specialized faculty, and academic culture offered at the main campus. The result is that the BGSU 3+1 program provides the student with a continuous, integrated education experience from beginning to end.

One way that this program distinguishes itself at Firelands is that every psychology instructor has earned a Ph.D in psychology. Most universities cannot make this claim as their basic psychology classes are often taught by graduate students who are still in school, or those with a Master’s degree who did not go on to higher levels in the field. The four-year BA psychology degree program requires 36 credit hours in psychology in addition to the other BGSU undergraduate graduation requirements. Some 23 of the 36 credits are offered annually at Firelands and 8 more occur when enrollment is sufficient. Of course, all of the classes needed to meet regular university general requirements necessary for any BGSU degree are regularly offered here as well.

3+1 PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY (Tentative Checksheet)

I. ENGLISH COMPOSITION

(Only 6 hours ENG 110, 111, 112 will apply toward graduation)

Hrs. Grade
____ GSW 1100/1110
____ GSW 1120

II. FOREIGN LANGUAGE (____ yrs. h. s. ____)

may not be used for minor requirements)

____ 1010
____ 1020
____ 2010
____ 2020/2120

III. SCIENCE AND MATH

Natural Sciences – 3 courses; 2 must be lab sciences

____ lab _____
____ lab _____

Mathematics: (1 of the following):

- a. ____ 3.5 years HS. (Including Trig) or
- b. ____ 3 yrs HS & CS 1000 or CS 1010 or
- c. ____ 1 of MATH 1150, 1260, 1280, 1290, 1300 or
- d. ____ MATH 111 or 120 or 122 AND
____ CS 100, 101 or PHIL 103

IV. SOCIAL SCIENCES

(6 courses; 3 different depts., 3 courses must be from 1dept.

Only 2 major courses may apply)

____ X _____
____ X _____

V. ARTS & HUMANITIES

____ Literature _____
____ Fine Arts _____

(3 additional courses from at least 2 departments)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (36 hrs.)

(A minimum GPA of 2.0 in all PSYC is required)

12 hours from the following

____ 4 ____ PSYC 1010 General Psychology
____ 4 ____ PSYC 2700 Quantitative Methods I
Prereq for PSYC 2700 is MATH 1230 or
Placement score of 41 or higher
____ 4 ____ PSYC 2900 Intro to Lab Meth. In PSYC

All of the following courses (9 hrs.)

____ 3 ____ PSYC 3100 Lifespan Developmental Psych
____ 3 ____ PSYC 3110 Social Psychology
____ 3 ____ PSYC 4050 Psych of Abnormal Behavior

PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES (7 hours)

FOURTH YEAR COURSES (Main campus)

2 – 3000 level labs (select from: 3100, 3200, 3210, 2230, 3290, 3320, 3330, 3480, or 3810)

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ELECTIVES and NON-CREDIT COURSES

FACULTY ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE Date

Note important information on reverse side