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Overview of degrees offered at Arrendale

Life University offers an Associate of Arts in Positive Human Development and Social Change (AA in PHDSC) and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology (BS in PSY) to students incarcerated at Arrendale State Prison for women in Alto, Georgia. The AA in PHDSC degree began in 2016. It was the first accredited college degree program offered in a Georgia State Prison for women since the original Pell Grant ban in 1994. The BS in PSY begins this month, January 2020. The BS in PSY degree is offered to students who complete the AA in PHDSC. Both degrees are offered at Arrendale as part of the Chillon Project, an initiative of the Center for Compassion, Integrity, and Secular Ethics at Life University to provide college degrees to incarcerated people, returning citizens, and correctional staff in the state of Georgia. The degrees are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and are equal in rigor and content to those offered at the main campus of the University.

Students in the AA in PHDSC program take two courses per ten-week quarter over two-and-a-half years to earn 93 credits, after which they are eligible to enroll in the BS in PSY. To complete the BS in PSY, students take two courses per ten-week quarter over two-and-a-half years to earn 123 additional credits. To complete both degrees, students earn a total of 216 credits.

Courses are classroom-based and are taught in-person by Life University faculty. Books and supplies are provided by the University. Assignments and course content such as videos, handouts, and podcasts are provided in-person by faculty or uploaded to BlackBoard. The Georgia Department of Corrections (GDOC) provides students with Chromebooks through which they have access to word processing, presentation, and spreadsheet software as well as whitelisted internet sites, including Google Scholar, Life University sites, Wikipedia, and BlackBoard.

Students take courses as a cohort to earn each degree.

To complete the AA in PHDSC, students complete the following course sequence:

**Year 1 (40 Credits)**

Quarter 1: ENG 101, English Composition I  
PSY 101, General Psychology  
FYA 101, First-Year Experience (0 credits, graduation requirement)

Quarter 2: PSC 201, Introduction to Peace Studies  
SOC 101, Introduction to Sociology

Quarter 3: ENG 102, English Composition II  
PSY 203, Compassion and Secular Ethics

Quarter 4: ENG 211, Novels of Social Change  
PSY 255, Positive Psychology
Year 2 (30 credits of required courses for all students + 10 credits of Transitional Studies courses for those who need them)

Quarter 1: BSN 101, Introduction to Positive Business  
PSC 303, Ethical and Moral Reasoning

Quarter 2: TSM 098, Elementary Algebra (for those required to take the course)  
PSC 202, Conflict Transformation

Quarter 3: PSC 304, Spiritual Autobiography  
TSM 099, Intermediate Algebra (for those required to take the course)

Quarter 4: PSC 204, Creativity and the Artful Life  
MAT 101, College Algebra

Year 3 (23 credits)

Quarter 1: ENG 212, Identity and Otherness  
BIO 101, General Biology

Quarter 2: PSC 305, Spirituality, Integrity, and Transformational Leadership  
ENV 302, Environmental and Secular Ethics

Quarter 3: Synthesis and Reflection (3 credits)

Total: 93 credits

To complete the BS in PSY, students complete the following course sequence:

Year 1 (42 credits)

Quarter 1: PSY 290, Lifespan Developmental Psychology  
PSC 302, Conflict Transformation

Quarter 2: MSC 201, Introduction to Statistics  
PSY 358, Psychology of Religion and Spirituality

Quarter 3: PSY 241, Quantitative Methods  
PSY 357, Social Psychology

Quarter 4: PSC 402, Critical Social Analysis  
PSY 242, Research Methods  
PSY 160, Careers in Psychology (2 credits)

Year 2 (40 credits)
Quarter 1:  PSY 256, Psychology of Excellence  
           PSY 311, Introduction to Life Coaching  

Quarter 2:  PSC 301, Peace Studies and Human Flourishing  
           PSY 455, Abnormal Psychology  

Quarter 3:  PSY 359, Health Practitioner-Patient Relationship  
           PSY 356, Personality Psychology  

Quarter 4:  PSY 456, Biopsychology  
           PSC 404, Artist as Social Change Agent  

Year 3 (41 credits)  

Quarter 1:  PSY 366, Behavior Modification  
           PSC 401, Religion, Conflict, and Inter-religious Peacebuilding  

Quarter 2:  PSY 320, Health Psychology  
           PSY 376, Human Sexuality  
           PSY 472, Senior Research Project I (2 credits)  

Quarter 3:  PSY 457, Psychology of Motivation and Emotion  
           PSC 307, Forgiveness and Reconciliation  
           PSY 474, Senior Research Project II (2 Credits)  

Quarter 3:  PSY 499, Senior Capstone  
           PSY 476, Senior Research Project III (2 Credits)