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**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
"PSYCHOLOGY"**

FIELD OF KNOWLEDGE: C SOCIAL SCIENCES, JOURNALISM, AND
INFORMATION
SPECIALTY: C4 PSYCHOLOGY
EDUCATION LEVEL: FIRST (BACHELOR'S)

I. INTRODUCTION

The educational and professional program for training specialists at the first (bachelor's) level of higher education in the field of Social Sciences, Journalism, and Information, specializing in Psychology (C4 Psychology), is a regulatory document that outlines:

1. The goals of educational and professional training for bachelor's degree holders in Psychology.
2. The volume of ECTS credits required to obtain the corresponding higher education degree.
3. The content of education in terms of key learning outcomes and general and professional competencies of graduates.

The program aims to develop scientific understanding of the nature of the psyche, research methods, and the application of psychological knowledge in professional settings.

The program is developed in accordance with:

- The Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education" (No. 1556-VII, dated 01.07.2014).
- Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (No. 1341, dated 23.11.2011, and No. 1187, dated 30.12.2015).
- The Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (No. 565, dated 24.04.2019).

II. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Level of Higher Education	First (Bachelor's)
Degree	Bachelor
Field of Knowledge	C Social Sciences, Journalism, and Information
Specialty	C4 Psychology
Educational Qualification	Bachelor in Psychology
Qualification in the Diploma	Bachelor's Degree Specialty: C4 Psychology Specialization: None Educational Programme: Psychology
Description of the Subject Area:	<p>Objects of Study: Mental phenomena, behavior, activities, interpersonal interactions, and psycho-physiological processes.</p> <p>Learning Goals: Formation of scientific understanding of the psyche, research methods, and practical application of psychological knowledge.</p> <p>Theoretical Content: System of psychological knowledge, categories, laws, mechanisms, and methodological approaches.</p> <p>Methods and Technologies: Theoretical and empirical research methods, psychodiagnostic tools, data analysis techniques, and psychological assistance technologies.</p> <p>Tools and Equipment: Psychological instruments, computer hardware, modern information and communication technologies.</p>
Academic Rights of Graduates:	<p>Opportunity to continue education at the second (master's) level.</p> <p>Acquisition of additional qualifications in postgraduate education.</p>

III. VOLUME OF ECTS CREDITS

Volume of the educational program in ECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 240 ECTS credits.- For junior bachelor's degree holders: Up to 60 ECTS credits may be recognized. <p>At least 50% of the program must focus on general and special competencies.</p>
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IV. LIST OF GRADUATE COMPETENCIES

Integral Competency:	Ability to solve complex specialized tasks and practical problems in psychology, applying psychological theories and methods under uncertain conditions.
General Competencies	<p>3K1. Ability to apply knowledge in practical situations.</p> <p>3K2. Knowledge and understanding of the subject area and professional activities.</p> <p>3K3. Skills in using information and communication technologies.</p> <p>3K4. Ability to learn and master modern knowledge.</p> <p>3K5. Critical and self-critical thinking.</p> <p>3K6. Ability to make informed decisions.</p> <p>3K7. Creativity and idea generation.</p> <p>3K8. Interpersonal interaction skills.</p> <p>3K9. Teamwork skills.</p> <p>3K10. Awareness of civic responsibilities and democratic values.</p> <p>3K11. Preservation and enhancement of moral, cultural, and scientific values.</p>

<p>Special (Professional) Competencies</p>	<p>CK1. Ability to use psychological terminology.</p> <p>CK2. Retrospective analysis of domestic and foreign psychological experience.</p> <p>CK3. Understanding behavior, activities, and actions (including early intervention measures).</p> <p>CK4. Independent collection and critical analysis of psychological information.</p> <p>CK5. Use of valid and reliable psychodiagnostic tools.</p> <p>CK6. Planning, organizing, and conducting psychological research.</p> <p>CK7. Analysis and systematization of research results.</p> <p>CK8. Providing psychological assistance (individual and group, including trauma victims).</p> <p>CK9. Conducting educational and preventive activities.</p> <p>CK10. Adherence to professional ethics.</p> <p>CK11. Commitment to personal and professional development.</p>
<p>V. NORMATIVE CONTENT OF BACHELOR'S TRAINING Formulated in terms of learning outcomes</p>	
<p>ΠP1. Analyze and explain mental phenomena, identify psychological problems, and propose solutions.</p> <p>ΠP2. Understand the patterns and peculiarities of mental development.</p> <p>ΠP3. Search for information using information and communication technologies.</p> <p>ΠP4. Justify positions and draw independent conclusions.</p> <p>ΠP5. Select and apply valid psychodiagnostic tools.</p> <p>ΠP6. Formulate research goals, collect primary data, and adhere to research procedures.</p>	

ΠΠ7. Critically evaluate research results and formulate conclusions.

ΠΠ8. Present research results orally/written.

ΠΠ9. Propose solutions to psychological problems (including early intervention measures).

ΠΠ10. Communicate logically, debate, and defend positions.

ΠΠ11. Plan and implement consultative processes.

ΠΠ12. Develop and implement psycho-preventive and educational programs.

ΠΠ13. Interact and communicate effectively, demonstrating tolerance.

ΠΠ14. Perform various roles in a team, including leadership.

ΠΠ15. Commit to professional self-improvement and development.

ΠΠ16. Adhere to ethical principles of professional activity.

ΠΠ17. Demonstrate socially responsible behavior and democratic values.

ΠΠ18 Take measures to preserve health (own and others').

List of Components of the Educational Program

The purpose of the **Educational Program "Psychology"** is to provide education in the field of psychology, ensuring broad access for graduates to employment in the system of the State Criminal and Executive Service of Ukraine as well as in other public and private institutions. The program is aimed at equipping higher education applicants with the competencies necessary for professional activity and further study at the next levels of higher education.

This EPP includes the following cycles of disciplines:

- **General Training Cycle**
- **Professional Training Cycle**

Table 1 provides the distribution of the EPP content, considering the academic workload and the number of ECTS credits across the general and professional training cycles.

Duration of study: 4 years

Table 1

Distribution of the Content of the Educational and Professional Program and the Maximum Study Workload by the General and Professional Training Cycles

Cycle Name	Code	Academic hours / ECTS credits.
General Preparation Cycle.	ІІІІ	1620/54
Professional Preparation Cycle	ІІІІІ	5520/184
Certification of Students	A3	60/2
Total Number by Cycles.		7200/240

According to the curriculum of the bachelor's degree program in the field of knowledge "Social Sciences, Journalism, and Information" for the specialty C4 Psychology, in line with paragraph 8 of the Procedure for Basic Military Training of Ukrainian citizens obtaining higher education and police officers, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine resolution No. 734 on June 21, 2024, the study of the academic discipline "Basic Military Training" has been introduced with a total of 10 credits: 3 credits are allocated for the theoretical course, which is part of the mandatory disciplines (3rd semester), and 7 credits are allocated for the practical course, which is taught separately and does not count towards the total 240 credits.

Further, Table 2 presents the normative content of the preparation for higher education applicants, formulated in terms of learning outcomes.

Table 2

LIST
of academic disciplines, practices, attestation, distribution of study time,
list of formed competencies and expected learning outcomes

Names of preparation cycles	List of courses	Total number of hours	ECTS credits	Codes of the formed competencies	Codes of learning outcomes
1. Cycle of General Preparation					
1.1. Compulsory Educational Disciplines					
1	2	3	4	5	6
OK 1	European dimension of Ukrainian history	90	3	3K11, CK3	ПР3
OK 2	Philosophy	120	4	3K4, 3K5, 3K6, 3K7, 3K11, CK13, CK12	ПР4, ПР7, ПР6
OK 3	Intercultural communication and national identity	90	3	3K11, CK9	ПР13, ПР 17
OK 4	English for professional purposes	240	8	3K4, 3K8, CK9	ПР8, ПР10
OK 5	Ukrainian language (for professional purposes)	120	4	3K8, CK9	ПР8, ПР10, ПР13
OK 6	Modern information technologies	120	4	3K3, CK4	ПР3, ПР5
OK 7	Life safety and occupational health and safety basics	90	3	3K2, 3K10, 3K11, CK8, CK9	ПР18
OK 8	Fundamentals of scientific research and academic integrity	90	3	3K3, 3K10, 3K11, CK 11	ПР3, ПР4, ПР 8
OK 9	Fundamentals of law	120	4	3K10, CK3	ПР17
OK 10	Fundamentals of biology and human genetics	120	4	3K2, CK1	ПР18
Block of Compulsory Alternative Disciplines					
OK 11	Basic Military Training	90	3	3K 1,2,3,4,8,9,10 CK 1,3,4,8,12	ПР 3, ПР 13, ПР 17
OK 12	Political Science	90	3	3K10, CK7	ПР17, ПР4
1.2. Elective Educational Disciplines					
The student selects 12 credits from the list of disciplines provided below					
BK 1	Basics of Chaplaincy	90	3	3K11, CK2	ПР13
BK 2	Culture of Democracy	90	3	3K11, CK9	ПР 13

BK 3	Logic and Critical Thinking	90	3	3K6, CK4	ПР10
BK 4	Psychology of Management	90	3	3K6, 3K9, CK7	ПР 14
BK 5	Professional Ethics of a Psychologist	90	3	3K5, CK11	ПР14
BK 6	Ethical Principles of Professional Psychological Activity	90	3	3K5, CK11	ПР15, ПР16
BK 7	Psychology of Communication	90	3	3K1, 3K2, 3K8, 3K9, CK9	ПР 13
BK 8	Rhetoric	90	3	3K8, CK 8	ПР13
Total number of hours and credits for the general preparation cycle		1620	54		
2. CYCLE OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING					
2.1. MANDATORY COURSES					
OK 13	Anatomy and Physiology of Higher Nervous Activity	210	7	3K2, CK1	ПР1
OK 14	General Psychology	360	12	3K2, CK1, CK3	ПР1, ПР2
OK 15	Mathematical Methods in Psychology	90	3	3K2, 3K3, CK5	ПР3
OK 16	Introduction to the Specialty	90	3	3K2, CK1, CK12	ПР15
OK 17	Pathopsychology	120	4	3K1, 3K2, 3K4, CK8	ПР1, ПР12
OK 18	Theory of Probability and Mathematical Statistics. Higher Mathematics	120	4	3K1, 3K3, CK4, CK5	ПР3
OK 19	Developmental Psychology	150	5	3K1, 3K2, CK1, CK3	ПР2
OK 20	History of Psychology	90	3	3K2, 3K4, CK2	ПР1, ПР2
OK 21	Social Psychology	180	6	3K2, 3K10, CK3	ПР12, ПР9
OK 22	Psychodiagnostics	150	5	3K9, CK6	ПР5, ПР7
OK 23	Fundamentals of Psychological Counseling	90	3	3K1, 3K2, 3K8, CK8	ПР11, ПР9
OK 24	Juridical Psychology	90	3	3K2, 3K10, CK1	ПР17
OK 25	Psychology of Interned Persons	90	3	3K2, 3K10, CK1, CK3, CK 11	ПР3, ПР8, ПР13
OK 26	Pedagogy	90	3	3K1, 3K2, 3K8, 3K9, CK9	ПР2, ПР13
OK 27	Theory of Penitentiary Activity	90	3	3K2, 3K10, CK3, CK12	ПР15, ПР17
OK 28	Psychology of Conflict	90	3	3K1, 3K8, 3K9, CK8	ПР14
OK 29	General Psychology Practicum	240	8	3K1, 3K2, 3K9, CK4, CK6, CK7	ПР2, ПР6, ПР7
OK 30	Forensic Medicine and Psychiatry	90	3	3K1, 3K6, 3K11, CK5	ПР3, ПР7, ПР18
OK 31	Psychology of Deviant Behavior	90	3	3K2, 3K4, 3K5, CK1, CK9	ПР 1, ПР9

OK 32	Experimental Psychology	120	4	3K1, 3K2, 3K7, CK4, CK5, CK6	ПР 5
OK 33	Sociology	90	3	3K10, CK 3	ПР 13
OK 34	Fundamentals of Social-Psychological Rehabilitation	90	3	3K2, 3K8, 3K9, CK8	ПР9, ПР12
OK 35	Penitentiary Psychology	210	7	3K2, 3K10, CK1, CK2, CK11	ПР1, ПР2, ПР16
OK 36	Penitentiary Pedagogy	210	7	3K2, 3K8, 3K9, 3K10, CK3, CK9	ПР2, ПР13
OK 37	Correctional Programs for Convicts	90	3	3K 1, 3K2, 3K3, 3K8, 3K9; CK3,CK8, CK9	ПР2, ПР5, ПР9, ПР11, ПР18
OK 38	Fundamentals of General and Special Documentation	90	3	3K1, 3K8, 3K10, CK7	ПР8

2.2. ELECTIVE EDUCATIONAL DISCIPLINES

Students choose 51 credits from the list provided below

BK 9	Constitutional Law of Ukraine	90	3	3K10, CK10	ПР 17
BK 10	Criminal Law	120	4	3K10, CK11	ПР17
BK 11	Penitentiary Law	180	6	3K10, CK11	ПР17
BK 12	Psychology of Sexuality	90	3	3K2, CK9	ПР2,ПР13
BK 13	Basics of Psychocorrection	120	4	3K1, 3K5, 3K8, CK4, CK7, CK8	ПР11, ПР12
BK 14	Social Pedagogy	120	4	3K8, 3K10, CK3, CK9	ПР2, ПР9
BK 15	Extreme Psychology	120	4	3K2, 3K6, 3K9, CK6, CK7	ПР9, ПР12
BK 16	Economic Theory	120	4	3K1, 3K10, CK3	ПР3, ПР17
BK 17	Social and Educational Work with Convicts	90	3	3K2, 3K8, 3K10, CK8	ПР10, ПР11
BK 18	Social and Educational Work	90	3	3K2, 3K8, 3K9, CK8, CK9	ПР18
BK 19	Fire and Special Training	270	9	3K10, CK12	ПР17, ПР18
BK 20	Differential Psychology	90	3	3K2, CK1	ПР9
BK 21	First Aid	180	6	3K2, 3K11, CK7	ПР18
BK 22	Regime, Security, and Supervision in Pre-Trial Detention and Penal Institutions	90	3		
BK 23	Psychological Assistance in Conditions of Prolonged Trauma	90	3	3K1, 3K2, 3K5, CK 12	ПР 18
BK 24	Medical Psychology	90	3	3K1, 3K2, 3K11, CK2	ПР7, ПР18
BK 25	Psychology of Mass Behavior	120	4	3K2, 3K10, CK1	ПР1, ПР17

BK 26	Environmental Psychology	120	4	3K2, 3K11, CK1, CK3	ΠΡ2, ΠΡ18
2.3. PRACTICAL TRAINING					
OK 39	Introductory Internship	90	3	3K1, 3K2, 3K6, 3K7, 3K8, 3K9, CK4, CK5, CK6, CK7	ΠΡ1, ΠΡ5, ΠΡ13, ΠΡ14, ΠΡ17
OK 40	Training Internship	180	6	3K1, 3K2, 3K6, 3K7, 3K8, 3K9, CK4, CK5, CK6, CK7	ΠΡ1, ΠΡ5, ΠΡ13, ΠΡ14, ΠΡ17
OK 41	On-the-Job Training (Practical Internship)	300	10	3K1, 3K2, 3K6, 3K7, 3K8, 3K9, CK4, CK5, CK6, CK7	ΠΡ1, ΠΡ5, ΠΡ13, ΠΡ14, ΠΡ17
Total number of hours and ECTS credits for the professional preparation cycle:		5520	184		
3. CERTIFICATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES					
OK 42	Comprehensive Qualifying Exam	30	1	3K2, 3K8, 3K9, 3K10, CK1, CK2, CK11	ΠΡ1, ΠΡ2, ΠΡ16
OK 43	Bachelor's Qualification Thesis	30	1	3K2, 3K8, 3K9, 3K10, CK1, CK3, CK9	ΠΡ1, ΠΡ2, ΠΡ13
Total number of hours and ECTS credits for the certification		60	2		
Total number of hours and ECTS credits for academic courses		7200	240		
4. PRACTICAL COURSE OF BASIC MILITARY TRAINING (BZVP)					
Basic Military Training		210	7	3K 1,2,3,4,8,9,10 CK 1,3,4,8,12	ΠΡ 3, ΠΡ 13, ΠΡ 17

VI. Forms of Attestation for Applicants of the First (Bachelor's) Degree in Higher Education

Attestation for this educational-professional program (EPP) is conducted in the form of a public defense (demonstration) of the Bachelor's qualification work and a comprehensive qualification exam.

The qualification work should involve solving a complex specialized task or practical problem in the field of psychology, requiring the application of fundamental psychological theories and methods. It should be characterized by complexity and uncertainty of conditions. The qualification work must not contain academic plagiarism, falsification, or fabrication.

The qualification exam for the specialty should assess the achievement of learning outcomes defined by the Higher Education Standard and the educational program. The program for the comprehensive qualification exam for disciplines in the educational-professional program for applicants at the first (bachelor's) level of higher education in the specialty C4 Psychology is agreed upon annually at the Academic Council meeting and approved by the rector's order.

Table 3 presents the list of academic disciplines that are subject to attestation in the form of a comprehensive qualification exam for disciplines in the educational-professional program for applicants at the first (bachelor's) level of higher education in the specialty C4 Psychology.

Table 3

Courses subject to assessment in the form of a comprehensive qualification exam.

№	Course title	Competency code	Learning outcome code
1.	General Psychology	3K2, CK1, CK3	ΠP1, ΠP2, ΠP13
2.	Social Psychology	3K2, 3K8, 3K9, 3K10, CK1, CK3, CK9	ΠP1, ΠP2, ΠP11, ΠP12, ΠP13, ΠP14
3.	Developmental Psychology	3K1, 3K2, CK1, CK3, CK8	ΠP1, ΠP11
4.	Penitentiary Psychology	3K1, 3K2, 3K3, 3K7, 3K8, 3K9, 3K10, CK1, CK2, CK3, CK4, CK5, CK6, CK7, CK11	ΠP1, ΠP2, ΠP3, ΠP4, ΠP5, ΠP6, ΠP8, ΠP16
5.	Psychodiagnostics	3K1, 3K2, 3K3, CK4, CK5, CK6, CK7, CK11	ΠP1, ΠP3, ΠP4, ΠP5, ΠP6, ΠP7, ΠP16

The assessment is carried out as a comprehensive knowledge check for the students, based on exam papers created in full accordance with the certification program. The program and examination papers are prepared by the Department of Psychology of the Penitentiary Academy of Ukraine.

When assigning grades for the quality of responses, both the answers to the exam questions and the additional questions from the members of the Examination

Committee (EC) are evaluated. The evaluation of the exam results is carried out in accordance with the knowledge control system adopted at the Academy:

National (four-point) scale:

- Excellent
- Good
- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory

ECTS (100-point scale):

- "A" – 90-100 points – excellent (excellent answer with minor inaccuracies)
- "B" – 82-89 points – very good (better than average with a few inaccuracies)
- "C" – 75-81 points – good (generally correct execution with some mistakes)
- "D" – 64-74 points – satisfactory (good, but with a significant number of shortcomings)
- "E" – 60-63 points – satisfactory (answer meets minimal criteria)
- "FX" – less than 59 points – unsatisfactory.

The results of the exam are evaluated according to both the national scale and the ECTS scale simultaneously.

VII. REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

The internal quality assurance system is regulated by the "Regulation on the Internal System of Quality Assurance in Education and Educational Activities at the Penitentiary Academy of Ukraine" (Order No. 735, dated 24.11.2023).

VIII. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The professional standards requirements for higher education applicants at the first (bachelor's) level are defined by the **Occupational Classification (OC)**, established by **Order No. 327 of the State Consumer Standard of Ukraine dated July 28, 2010**, as well as by the **Handbook of Qualification Characteristics of Employee Occupations (HQCEO)** and the corresponding classification codes, established by the **Order of the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Ukraine No. 336 dated December 29, 2004**, as amended on **September 22, 2015 (Order No. 951)**.

The educational and professional program for the training of first-level (bachelor's) higher education applicants specifies the following correspondences to the Occupational Classification (see Table 4).

Table 4.

Occupational Classification

KII Code	Job Title
1	2
1229.7	Head of Psychological-Medical-Pedagogical Consultation
1229.3	Head of Service
1229.7	Head of Department (Penitentiary System)
1229.7	Head of Unit (Penitentiary System)
1229.7	Head of Juvenile Educational Colony
1229.7	Head of Center (Psychological Support, Adult Social and Labor Rehabilitation, Social Services, etc.)
1231	Chief Specialist (Penitentiary System)
1239	Guard Commander (Penitentiary System)
2340	Consultant of Psychological-Medical-Pedagogical Consultation
2424	Inspector (Penitentiary System)
2445.2	Practical Psychologist
2445.2	Psychologist
2446.2	Educator of Juvenile Educational Colony
2446.2	Probation Officer
2446.2	Social Auditor
2446.2	Social Worker
2446.2	Specialist in Social Work
3340	Duty Officer for Regime Compliance (in special and specialized institutions, centers, schools, colleges, shelters, etc.)
3436.1	Assistant to the Head (Director, Chief, etc.) of the Correctional Institution
3452	Senior Officer in Charge of Housing Unit (Penitentiary System)
3452	Inspector (Penitentiary System) (with Bachelor's Degree)
3452	Vocational Training Instructor (Penitentiary System)
3226	Labor Adaptation Instructor

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