

PSYCHOLOGY, BS

Program Description

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes in humans and animals. This degree provides students with the knowledge and skills for a wide variety of careers.

Grounded in the American Psychological Association's Guidelines for the Undergraduate Major: Version 2.0, this comprehensive four-year program emphasizing research, experimentation, computer applications and a senior-research sequence is excellent preparation for graduate work at the master's or Ph.D. level in a wide variety of psychology disciplines.

Upon successful completion of the Junior Seminar in Psychological Science (PSYC 399 Jr Seminar Psychological Sci), psychology majors may elect to continue in the Psychology – Psychological Science concentration or switch to the Psychology – General Psychology concentration.

Other Qualifications – A master's degree in psychology is usually the minimum requirement for careers in school psychology, I/O psychology, mental health counseling, marriage and family counseling, forensic psychology, and data collection/analysis. The Ph.D. is essential for most senior-level positions and is required for appointment to permanent teaching and research positions in colleges and universities.

Program Learning Outcomes

- **Knowledge Base in Psychology** – Students should demonstrate fundamental knowledge and comprehension of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and empirical findings to discuss how psychological principles apply to behavioral problems.
- **Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking** – The skills in this domain involve the development of scientific reasoning and problem solving, including effective research methods.
- **Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World** – The skills in this domain involve the development of ethically and socially responsible behaviors for professional and personal settings in a landscape that involves increasing diversity.
- **Communication** – Students should demonstrate competence in writing and in oral and interpersonal communication skills.
- **Professional Development** – The emphasis of this goal is on application of psychology-specific content and skills, effective self-reflection, project-management skills, teamwork skills, and career preparation.

Psychology, BS, General Psychology Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Required Psychology Core Courses		
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychological Science	3
PSYC 155	Lifespan Development	3
PSYC 199	Fr Seminar Behavioral Science	2
PSYC 210	Statistics	3
PSYC 212	Experimental Psychology	4
PSYC 396	Tests and Measurements	3
PSYC 399	Jr Seminar Psychological Sci	3
PSYC 456	History and Systems Psychology	3

PSYC 498	Senior Research Project	3
Required Psychology Core Courses		
Select one course from each Content Area:		
Biological		4
PSYC 459	Behavioral Neuroscience	
Cognitive		
PSYC 311	Learning and Motivation	
PSYC 457	Cognition	
Personality/Social		3
PSYC 217	Social Psychology	
PSYC 357	Personality Theory	
Developmental/Applied		3
PSYC 240	Behavior Management	
PSYC 259	Psychopathology	
PSYC 301	Exceptional Child/Adolescent	
PSYC 385	Health Psychology	
Practicum Experience		3
PSYC 305	Psychology Research Practicum	
PSYC 306	Applied Psychology Practicum	
PSYC Elective 300+ Level		
Psychology Cognate		
Select one of the following:		4
BIOL 105	Function of the Human Body	
BIOL 122	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	
BIOL 131	General Biology: Cells	
BIOL 132	General Biology: Organisms	
Total Hours		44

Breadth Area Requirement

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Option 3: Complete an Associate degree that does not include a Psychology Minor or Behavioral Sciences Concentration.

Option 4: Complete a second BS degree or major.

(For any of the above options, nine credits must be at the 300-400 Level.)

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PSYC 494	Senior Research Practicum I	2
PSYC 495	Senior Research Practicum II	3
PSYC 499	Sr Seminar Psychological Sci	1
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