

Programs

Psychology, B.A.

(39 - 45 credits)

The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, under the Department of Psychology, is designed to provide students with a broad background into the theoretical foundations of psychology and its practical applications, with a strong emphasis on research methods. Given our small faculty to class ratio, our programs are tailored to meet the individual needs and interests of students. Students will be prepared for a career in a helping profession, such as counseling or education. They will be able to design, conduct, and analyze research studies and apply their knowledge and critical thinking skills in a professional setting and in personal relationships.

Upon completing the program of study in Psychology, students will:

- Identify and articulate major concepts, theories, and research findings in psychology.
- Identify, read, and critically evaluate professional literature in psychology-related fields.
- Design, conduct, interpret, and communicate the findings of empirical studies.
- For those who wish to pursue employment in helping professions (e.g., counseling or education): demonstrate basic knowledge and skills relevant to their projected careers.

Psychology, B.A. - General Psychology

This program provides students with a broad background in contemporary psychology and its theoretical foundations, with a strong emphasis on research methods. It is flexible and can be tailored to meet students' interests. This program is strongly recommended for students intending to pursue advanced studies in psychology or related fields. The critical thinking skills fostered by this concentration are useful in many academic and professional settings.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE (15 credits)

PY 111	Introduction to Psychology
PY 218	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
PY 325	Experimental Methods and Research Design
PY 340	Psychological Assessment
Select one (3 credits)	
PY 280	Practicum

PY 391 Senior Seminar

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS (24 credits)

PY 311 History and Systems of Psychology

Select two (6 credits):

PY 211 Abnormal Psychology

PY 321 Personality

PY 323 Social Psychology

PY 330 Child Development

Select two (6 credits):

PY 222 Learning

PY 234 Brain and Behavior

PY 236 Motivation

PY 237 Cognitive Psychology

Select three (9 credits): Psychology (PY) courses in consultation with the advisor.

Psychology, B.A. - Art Therapy

This program provides preparation for specialized training in the use of creative arts in psychotherapy. The art therapist, working with other mental health professionals, offers clients an outlet for creative expression and a method for enhancing self-esteem via personal communication using various media. Students may pursue graduate training in art therapy or other mental health fields.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE (15 credits)

PY 111 Introduction to Psychology

PY 218 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences

PY 280 Practicum

PY 325 Experimental Methods and Research Design

PY 340 Psychological Assessment

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS (18 credits)

PY 211 Abnormal Psychology

PY 312 Psychotherapy

PY 321	Personality
PY 371	Introduction to Art Therapy
PY 372	Theory and Practice of Art Therapy

Select one (3 credits):

PY 330	Child Development
PY 341	Adolescent Psychology
PY 350	Adulthood and Aging

REQUIRED CORRELATIVES (12 credits)

AR 111	Drawing I
AR 231	Introduction to Ceramics
AR 311	Painting I

Select one (3 credits): Studio Art ([AR](#)) course

Psychology, B.A. - Child Development (Traditional Undergraduate Program Only)

This program provides structured preparation for work with typically developing or exceptional children. Students generally pursue employment or graduate studies in education or in clinical fields that emphasize work with children.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE (15 credits)

PY 111	Introduction to Psychology
PY 218	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
PY 280	Practicum
PY 325	Experimental Methods and Research Design
PY 340	Psychological Assessment

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS (27 credits)

PY 210	Behavior Modification
PY 229	Psychology of the Exceptional Child
PY 242	Educational Psychology
PY 330	Child Development
PY 380	Internship

Select (6 credits):

PY 248	Cultural Psychology
PY 255	Risk and Resilience in Children and Families
ED 212	History and Philosophy of Education
<i>* PY 380 is worth 9 credits and PY 133 is worth 1.5 credits.</i>	

RECOMMENDED CORRELATIVES

PY 341	Adolescent Psychology
CJ 232	Juvenile Delinquency
SO 242	Race, Ethnicity and Racism

Psychology, B.A. - Counseling and Mental Health

This program provides structured preparation for work in the prevention and remediation of emotional, behavioral, and educational problems. Students generally pursue employment or graduate studies in counseling or related fields.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE (15 credits)

PY 111	Introduction to Psychology
PY 218	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
PY 280	Practicum
PY 325	Experimental Methods and Research Design
PY 340	Psychological Assessment

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS (27 credits)

PY 210	Behavior Modification
PY 211	Abnormal Psychology
PY 213	Counseling Techniques
PY 222	Learning
PY 312	Psychotherapy
PY 380	Internship

** PY 380 is worth 6 credits.*

Select one (3 credits):

PY 330	Child Development
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PY 341 Adolescent Psychology

PY 350 Adulthood and Aging

Select one (3 credits):

PY 229 Psychology of the Exceptional Child

PY 250 Community Psychology

RECOMMENDED CORRELATIVES

BI 111 General Biology I

BI 112 General Biology II

BI 116 The Human Body

PY 235 Drug and Alcohol Abuse

PY 248 Cultural Psychology

SO 212 Social Work: History and Practice

SO 242 Race, Ethnicity and Racism

WRITING IN THE DISCIPLINE DESIGNATED COURSE

PY 325 Experimental Methods and Research Design