Psychology, BA

This psychology program gives you unique undergraduate research opportunities to study human behavior, neuroscience and much more. For example, you can use motion tracking technology to research nonverbal cues when someone is lying and eye-tracking technology to understand emotions. With this degree, you can pursue careers in government, social services and the mental health fields.

Program Description

Psychology is the scientific study of human behavior. This diverse field includes mental health and counseling as well as child development, neuroscience and brain function, memory and decision-making, behavior analysis, statistics and more. It also crosses over into other disciplines such as medicine, law, business and economics.

This BA program in psychology --- emphasizing critical thinking and reasoning, quantitative research methods and writing --- goes beyond the classroom, adding practical experiences through internships, service-learning and faculty-supervised research. (Some opportunities are not available to students enrolled in the degree offered through ASU Online.)

Graduates are prepared for graduate programs in psychology or other areas as well as for professional employment.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of the WUE program.

At a Glance
**College/School:** New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences  
**Location:** West campus, ASU@Lake Havasu or online, ASU Local@Los Angeles

**Additional Program Fee:** No  
**Second Language Requirement:** No  
**First Required Math Course:** MAT 119 - Finite Mathematics  
OR MAT 170 Precalculus  
**Math Intensity:** Moderate

**Required Courses (Major Map)**

- [2021 - 2022 Major Map (On-campus)](link)  
- [2021 - 2022 Major Map (Online)](link)  
- [Major Map (Archives)](link)

**Accelerated Program Options**

This program allows students to choose a 3-year path while participating in the same high-quality educational experience of a 4-year option. Students can opt to fast-track their studies after acceptance into a participating program by connecting with their academic advisor. Fast track options appear at the top of the major map.

This program also allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- [Communication Studies, MA](link)  
- [Global Management, MGM](link)  
- [Interdisciplinary Studies, MA](link)  
- [Psychology, MS](link)  
- [Social Justice and Human Rights, MA](link)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.  
[Freshman](link) | [Transfer](link) | [International](link) | [Readmission](link)

**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.
Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

Study abroad allows students in the psychology program to stand out in many career fields. Students are exposed to unique differences in the human condition worldwide, are able to improve language and cross-cultural skills for effective communication, and are challenged to adapt under new social and cultural circumstances. Opportunities exist worldwide, including in Singapore, Australia and Ireland. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

**Career Opportunities**

A degree in psychology prepares students for a career in:

- government (sales and marketing, human resources management)
- industry
- mental health professions (youth counselor, substance abuse counselor)
- social services (high school psychology teacher, occupational analyst)

The degree also provides an excellent foundation for graduate study in fields such as public administration, law, family studies, communication and the various graduate program fields in psychology:
• clinical and counseling
• cognitive neuroscience
• developmental
• environmental
• experimental
• health
• legal
• physiological
• social

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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