Psychology, BA

See how psychology is found in all corners of life. Work with renowned faculty to explore the complex answers to many of the mysteries of human and animal behavior, such as how humans manage stress and emotions and how body image affects our sense of identity.

**Program Description**

In addition to coursework, the BA in psychology offers students the opportunity to work alongside faculty researching exciting new questions. Students are also able to apply their knowledge in internships that help them identify and prepare for interesting careers that involve psychology.

The study of psychology prepares students with support and answers not only for the transition into their work lives, but also for other important life roles. The Department of Psychology expects to provide continued support and answers to its graduates as they use that foundation of psychology in their own lives as they transition into jobs, careers, marriage and families.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 119 - Finite Mathematics or MAT 170 Pre-Calculus
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

**Required Courses (Major Map)**

[2020 - 2021 Major Map]
Accelerated Program Options

This program 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:

Global Management, MGM

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

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Additional Requirements:

Freshman admission requirements for this program are the same as the university's freshman admission requirements.

Transfer Admission Requirements:

Transfer applicants must meet university transfer admission requirements.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options
ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search 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

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in psychology: http://links.asu.edu/SAO.psychology.

Career Opportunities

The BA in psychology provides students the opportunity to develop a broad range of highly marketable skills, including analytical skills, writing and public speaking skills as well as teamwork and leadership skills. Graduates are prepared for many careers in a variety of settings that provide opportunities to apply concepts and principles of psychology and for pursuit of graduate degrees in academic or clinical psychology or in such fields as counseling, social work, family therapy and law.

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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