Psychology, BS

The most popular major in the Department of Psychology is the BS degree program, which allows students interested in science to increase their quantitative skills while learning research methods in a STEM discipline. This program is especially optimal for students who may want to complete another degree in a second scientific discipline.

Program Description

In the BS degree program in psychology at ASU's Tempe campus, students explore leading-edge issues about the brain, mind and behavior from a scientific, psychological point of view emphasizing quantitative skills. Students work with faculty and other psychology majors in a collaborative, diverse environment of coursework, research and other engagement activities to explore fascinating questions as whether robots can explain how we field in baseball; what effects stress and emotions have on adolescent adjustment; how humans recognize and regulate emotions; how body image relates to eating disorders; how chronic stress affects the brain; how evolution shapes our choice of partner; and what the physical and psychological consequences of substance abuse might be in adolescents.

The Bachelor of Science in psychology degree option is ideal for students looking for a liberal arts focus with a more intensive math requirement while studying psychology.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 251 - Calculus for Life Sciences
  OR MAT 270: Calculus with Analytic Geometry I
Required Courses (Major Map)

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

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://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping you thrive by offering tools that allow you to personalize your 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. Learn more about these programs by visiting the Admissions site.

**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/](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](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.psychology).

**Career Opportunities**

Students acquire basic knowledge of psychology theory and practice. They develop skills in research analysis, critical thinking and the ability to interact effectively with a range of diverse groups across scientific interests and disciplines. Students are well-positioned for advanced research and graduate study in psychology, the health sciences, law and other graduate level degrees and programs. The Bachelor of Science degree program also prepares students to directly enter into a wide field of career choices.

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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