Psychology, BS

In the BS program in psychology, you'll discover how psychology combines with other STEM disciplines in the study of how the brain and behavior impact all aspects of the human experience. You can even work with renowned faculty to pursue scientific study of the brain, mind and behavior.

Program Description

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.

In addition to coursework, the BS in psychology offers students the opportunity to work alongside world-class faculty researching the brain and behavior. Students can prepare for interesting careers using psychology by working in functioning research laboratories studying the complexities of human and animal behavior.

The Department of Psychology is known for providing continued support and answers to its graduates as a foundation for their personal transition into careers, marriage, families and other important life roles.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 119 - Finite Mathematics or MAT 170 Pre-Calculus
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate
Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

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.

   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://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

Graduates are well positioned for advanced research and graduate study in psychology, the health sciences, law and other graduate level degrees and programs. The BS degree program also prepares graduates for direct entry into a wide field of career options.

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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<td>Behavioral Health Specialist</td>
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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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