Psychology (Psychological Science), BS

The BS program in psychology with a concentration in psychological science emphasizes the critical-thinking and analytical skills and quantitative methods involved in psychological research. This degree program is specifically designed to prepare students for graduate study and is ideal for those scholars with an aptitude for statistics, research and scientific methods.

**Program Description**

The BS program in psychology with a concentration in psychological science emphasizes critical-thinking and analytic and quantitative skills involved in psychological research to prepare students for graduate study. Students take advanced coursework in statistics and receive hands-on research experience by working with faculty members in the laboratory. Students are exposed to theories and research, addressing questions such as how people can use social influence to increase compliance; how children develop; how people remember information over long periods of time; how the mind and body react to stress; and, which types of treatment are most effective for individuals who are depressed.

**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 Analytical Geometry I
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate
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:

The BS in psychology with a concentration in psychological science is open to students who have:

- completed a BS in psychology critical courses (ENG 101, ENG 102, MAT 251 or MAT 270, PSY 101, PSY 230, PSY 290) with a "C" or better
- earned at least 45 credit hours
- earned at least an ASU 3.00 cumulative GPA

Students must maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA from admittance through graduation.

Change of Major Requirements

The bachelor’s in psychology with a concentration in psychological science is open to current ASU students who have completed all critical courses for the BS in psychology (ENG 101, ENG 102, MAT 251 or MAT 270, PSY 101, PSY 230, PSY 290) with a "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better, have earned at least 45 credit hours, and have earned at least an ASU 3.00 cumulative GPA.

Students must maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA from admittance through graduation. Students should refer to [https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors](https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors) for information about how to change a major to this program.

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
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/).

**Career Opportunities**

The bachelor's degree program in psychology with a concentration in psychological science prepares students who aspire to careers as researchers, teachers or clinicians, or who wish to pursue graduate study. The program is also ideal preparation for professional postgraduate programs in the fields of law and medicine.

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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