Psychology (Psychological Science), BS

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 BS program in psychology with a concentration in psychological science offers students the opportunity to work alongside faculty researching exciting new questions. Students are also able to apply their knowledge through internships that help prepare them for interesting careers that provide opportunities for them to use their knowledge of psychology.

The Department of Psychology expects to provide its graduates with a foundation of psychology that may be applied in their own lives, not only for their transition into jobs and careers, but also in marriages, families and other important aspects of life.

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)
Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

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

Students must have completed all critical courses for the BS in psychology (ENG 101, ENG 102, MAT 119 or MAT 170, PSY 101, PSY 230, PSY 290) with a "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better, and have earned at least 45 earned credit hours.

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") from admittance through graduation.

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](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/](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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