Psychology, BA

You'll study the mind and behavior while building skills in critical thinking, quantitative research and writing. Gain practical experience as well!

Program Description

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behavior. This program emphasizes critical thinking, reasoning, and empirical research and writing. It adds practical experience through internships, service-learning and faculty-supervised research. The BA program provides a broad foundation in psychology and affords students the flexibility to choose from a variety of courses outside the major. Because of this, the Bachelor of Arts curriculum requires fewer lab science and math courses than the Bachelor of Science program. The Bachelor of Arts program in psychology prepares students for employment or preparation for graduate study in applied psychology and related fields (e.g., social work, counseling and management).

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
- **Location:** Polytechnic campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 170 - Precalculus
- **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

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/.

Career Opportunities

The Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the job outlook (2014-24) for psychologists is 19% (which is "much faster than average").
A degree in psychology prepares students for a career in various settings:

- community centers
- consulting firms
- government (sales and marketing, human resources, research, administration, management)
- hospitals
- industries and organizations
- mental health agencies
- private companies
- schools and colleges (school psychologists, educators, professors)
- social services (high school psychology teacher, occupational analyst)
- substance abuse treatment clinics

The degree program also provides an excellent foundation for graduate study in fields such as public administration, law, family studies, communication and the various graduate program fields in psychology:

- clinical and counseling
- cognitive neuroscience
- developmental
- environmental
- health
- legal
- physiological
- social

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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<th>Career</th>
<th>*Growth</th>
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<td>Advocate</td>
<td>16.4%</td>
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<td>Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)</td>
<td>14.5%</td>
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<td>Industrial Psychologist</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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