Psychology, BA

Through foundational training in human behavior, you will build skills in critical thinking, research methods and writing. Practical internships prepare you for employment in mental health agencies, social services, government and industry. You also will be prepared for graduate study in the behavioral sciences and related areas.

Program Description

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behavior. The BA program in psychology emphasizes critical thinking, empirical research methods and writing. It adds practical experience through internships, service-learning and faculty-supervised research. The Bachelor of Arts provides a broad foundation in psychology and affords students the flexibility to choose from a variety of courses outside the major. The bachelor's degree program 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)

2019 - 2020 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://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/

Career Opportunities
The Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the job outlook (2016-26) for psychologists is 14% (which is "faster than average").

A degree in psychology prepares students for a career in various settings:

- consulting firms
- government (sales and marketing, human resources, research, administration, management)
- hospitals
- industries and organizations
- mental health agencies
- social services (high school psychology teacher, occupational analyst)

The degree 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
- 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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