Psychology, BS

Through study of the mind and human behavior, you develop critical thinking and build skills in quantitative research and writing. The program prepares you for careers in social services, industry and government as well as graduate study in psychology and related fields.

Program Description

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behavior.

The BS program in psychology emphasizes critical thinking, reasoning, quantitative research and scientific writing.

The Bachelor of Science prepares students for graduate study in quantitative, experimental, environmental, biological and clinical psychology as well as related fields (e.g., medicine and behavioral neuroscience). The bachelor's degree program also prepares students for employment in social services, industry and government organizations.

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)

[2020 - 2021 Major Map](#)
Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

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

Studying abroad allows students in the psychology program to stand out in many career fields. Students are exposed to unique differences in the human condition worldwide, are able to improve language and cross-cultural skills for effective communication, and are challenged to adapt under new social and cultural circumstances. Opportunities for study are worldwide, including in Singapore, Australia and Ireland. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/
Career Opportunities

The Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the job outlook (2016-2026) for psychologists is 14 percent, which is much 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)
- clinical and counseling

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:

- cognitive neuroscience
- developmental
- environmental
- experimental
- 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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* 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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