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And your major.

Psychology BA

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology is a large, diverse program ideal for students interested in understanding and solving problems in many different areas of behavior. Students earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychological sciences learn to write and speak about complex behavioral explanations that rely on scientific reasoning and evidence rather than anecdotes or common myths/misconceptions. Advanced coursework in the major can focus on a range of subdisciplines, including child/lifespan development, mental health, and business / workplace psychology.

Career Outlook

The undergraduate BA degree in Psychological Sciences can provide the foundation for graduate training in other fields such as counseling, education or social work. It also provides the liberal arts background necessary for entry level positions in many fields such as business, communication, human services and mental health positions. To function specifically as a psychologist, a graduate degree is required.

Future Career Options

- Activities/Recreation Director
- Alumni Relations
- Career/Employment/Student Advisor
- Child Development Specialist
- Community/Social Services Staff
- Corrections/Probation/Parole Officer
- Customer Service Representative
- Human Resource Advisor
- Patient Resources/Claims Agent
- Personnel Recruiter
- Psychiatric Aide/Attendant/Technician
- Public Relations Representative
- Department Manager
- Victims' Advocate

Skills developed by degree completion

- Apply psychological theories across subdisciplines to explain and predict behavior
- Choose behavioral explanations that rely on scientific reasoning and evidence
- Employ critical thinking, skeptical inquiry and the scientific approach to solve problems of behavior and mental processes
- Select, conduct and interpret basic applied statistical techniques
- Employ quantitative and qualitative research methods
- Write clearly and concisely about concepts and empirical findings using APA citation style
- Communicate quantitative data in statistics, graphs and tables

4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Year 1
FALL SEMESTER (14 credit hours)
 PSYCH 1000: Choosing a Career in Psychology (1)
 PSYCH 1003: General Psychology (3)
 ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
 MATH 1030: College Algebra (3)
 GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities & Fine Arts (3)
 INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)

SPRING SEMESTER (17 credit hours)
 PSYCH 2268 or 2270: Developmental Psychology (3)
 PSYCH 2245: Abnormal Psychology (3)
 BIOL 1012: General Biology (3)
 GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
 FGN LANG 1001: Language & Culture I (5)

Year 2
FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)
 PSYCH 2201: Psychological Statistics (4)
 GEN ED CORE: US History & Government (3)
 FGN LANG 1002: Language & Culture II (5)
 Cultural Diversity (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)
 PSYCH 2219: Research Methods (3)
 GEN ED CORE: Communication Proficiency (3)
 FGN LANG 2101: Language & Culture III (3)
 GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities & Fine Arts (3)
 Elective (3)

Year 3
FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)
 PSYCH 2211: Introduction to Biological Psychology (3)
 PSYCH 3XXX: Psychology Sub Area Requirement (3)
 ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing (3)
 GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities & Fine Arts (3)
 GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)
 PSYCH 3XXX: Psychology Sub Area Requirement (3)
 PSYCH 3XXX: Psychology Sub Area Requirement (3)
 GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
 Elective (3)
 Elective (3)

Year 4
FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)
 PSYCH 3XXX: Psychology Sub Area Requirement (3)
 Elective (3)
 Elective (3)
 Elective (3)
 Elective (3)


SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)
 PSYCH 4999: Integrated Psychology (2)
 Elective (3)
 Elective (3)
 Elective (3)
 Elective (3)



2019 -2020 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. This map is not a substitute for academic advisement. Contact your advisor when making final selections.

 — University Studies is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.

 — Milestone courses should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.

 — Summer and Intersession courses Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!



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