

Psychology
Bachelor of Science
2025-2026

General Areas of Service: Individuals with a bachelor's degree in psychology generally pursue graduate study in psychology or another related field. Entry-level positions for people with a bachelor's degree in psychology may be found in community mental health centers, vocational rehabilitation offices, correctional programs, or marketing and sales positions. Students who major in psychology look forward to employment in one of the helping professions where work focuses on counseling and psychological testing. In addition to the "helping professions," psychologists may also work in research and higher education. In most cases, a master's degree or higher is preferred.

Professional Training: A wealth of master's and doctoral-level training programs are available in the field of psychology. These programs focus on a variety of sub-fields such as clinical, developmental, social, personality, health, industrial, organizational, and educational psychology. Psychologists with advanced degrees develop theories, conduct research, serve as consultants, teach, diagnose and treat people, and study and work to improve the ways human beings relate to each other and to machines.

Job Outlook: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), "Overall employment of psychologists is projected to grow 7 percent from 2023 to 2033, which is faster than average for all occupations. About 13,000 openings for psychologists are projected each year, on average, over the decade." The BLS states that greater demand is expected for psychological services in schools, hospitals, mental health centers, and social service agencies as people recognize the importance of both mental and physical wellbeing. Specialists will also be needed to provide marriage and family counseling, work with war veterans and other trauma survivors, and assist children with autism or learning disabilities. The BLS predicts the "employment of school psychologists will continue to grow because of an increased awareness of the connection between mental health and learning." (See www.bls.gov)

Earnings: In the May 2023 2024 salary survey, the BLS states the median annual salary for clinical, counseling, and school psychologists as \$94,310 with an advanced degree. (See www.bls.gov)

Note: Before graduation, all students must take an exit exam.

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Suggested Degree Path

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 192 cr. GENERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS: 66-70 cr. [See the Undergraduate Bulletin for Details](#)

The chart below details one suggested path a student may take to complete a bachelor's degree in Psychology.

Cognates are listed in *italics*.

Freshman Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Intro to the Psychology Major (PSYC 120)	0
Intro to Psych: Social Foundations (PSYC 140)	4
Intro to Analytical Writing (ENGL 121)	3
General Studies	9
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Intro to Psych: Biological Foundations (PSYC 141)	4
Intro to Research Writing (ENGL 122)	3
General Studies	9
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Philosophy Option (PHIL 204 OR 205)	4
General Studies	12
Total	16

Sophomore Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Biology Option (BIOL 121 OR 141)	4
Research Writing in Education and Psychology (PSYC 223)	3
History & Systems of Psychology (PSYC 209)	4
General Studies	5
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Biology Option (BIOL 122 OR 142)	4
Developmental Psychology (PSYC 215)	4
Research Methods & Stats I (PSYC 271)	4
General Studies	4
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Biology Option (BIOL 123 OR 143)	4
Social Psychology (PSYC 344)	4
Research Methods & Stats II (PSYC 272)	4
General Studies	4
Total	16

Junior Year

Fall Courses	Hours
History & Systems of Psychology (PSYC 455)	4
Intro to Counseling (PSYC 464)	4
General Studies or Electives	8
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Biological Psychology (PSYC 466)	4
Theories of Personality (PSYC 366)	4
General Studies or Electives	8
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Cognitive Psychology (PSYC 390)	4
Abnormal Psychology (PSYC 492)	4
Colloquium: Orientation and Degree Completion (PSYC 495)	0
General Studies or Electives	8
Total	16

Senior Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Psychology Practicum (PSYC 493)	3
General Studies or Electives	13
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Senior Project Option (PSYC 498 OR 499)	2
General Studies or Electives	14
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
General Studies or Electives	16
Total	16

+ Offered even years only

- Offered odd years only