

Psychology Degree

The Bachelor of Science (BS) in Psychology provides exposure to the basic concepts, theories, findings, and ethical issues of psychology and provides training in critical thinking and the scientific method. Students may go on to graduate study in fields including psychology, medicine, and law. An undergraduate degree in psychology provides a background for careers in research, business, industry, education, and social service.

Candidates interested in Psychology teacher licensure must complete this program of study and the Secondary Education dual major. Candidates should work with an advisor in Psychology and an advisor from the School of Education and Public Service early and often to ensure enrollment in the required courses. [ED 432](#) Classroom Management and [ED 433](#) Methods in Education must be taken the semester prior to student teaching.

Degree Requirements

Area I – Foundation Skills - 2 hours

FSL 101	Foundations of Scholarship and Learning	2
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FSL 101 is required for all new and transferring freshmen with less than 24 credit hours. Students must earn a "C" or higher in [FSL 101](#).

Area I - Rhetoric and Communication - 15 hours

ENG 101	English Composition I	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
SPEE 220	Fundamentals of Speech	3
SPAN 111	Elementary Spanish I	3
SPAN 112	Elementary Spanish II	3

Students must earn a "C" or higher in [ENG 101](#) and [ENG 102](#).

Area I - Mathematics (choose one) - 3 or 4 hours

MATH 110	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts	3
MATH 111	College Algebra	3
MATH 112	Trigonometry	3
MATH 121	Calculus I	4

Students must earn a "C" or higher in [MATH 110](#), [MATH 111](#), [MATH 112](#), or [MATH 121](#).

Area II - Arts and Humanities (choose one) - 3 hours

ART 191	Enhancing Art Understanding	3
ENG 210	Introduction to Film Studies	3
MU 129	Music Listening	3
PHIL 201	Introduction to Philosophy	3
THR 100	Introduction to Theatre	3

Area II - Literature in English (choose one) - 3 hours

ENG 215	Introduction to Literature	3
ENG 216	Topics in Literature	3

Students must earn a "C" or higher in [ENG 215](#) or [ENG 216](#).

Area II - Social Science - 6 hours

PSY 201	General Psychology	3
PSY 211	Psychology of Human Growth & Development	3

Students must earn a "C" or higher in [PSY 201](#) and [PSY 211](#).

Area II - History - 6 hours

Choose one of two sequences:

HIS 191	World Civilization to 1500	3
	and	
HIS 192	World Civilization since 1500	3

	or	
<u>HIS 201</u>	History of the United States I	3
	and	
<u>HIS 202</u>	History of the United States II	3

Area II - The Natural Sciences: Biology - 7-8 hours

Choose one from the following:

<u>BIO 100</u>	Principles of Biology	4
<u>BIO 111</u>	General Biology I	3

*Students must earn a "C" or higher in BIO 100 or BIO 111.***Area II - The Natural Sciences: Physical Sciences**

Choose one from the following:

<u>ASTR 100</u>	Introduction to Astronomy	4
<u>CHEM 103</u>	Fundamentals of Chemistry	3
	and	
<u>CHEM 103L</u>	Fundamentals of Chemistry Lab	1
<u>CHEM 111</u>	General Chemistry I	3
	and	
<u>CHEM 111L</u>	General Chemistry I Lab	1
<u>PHY 201</u>	College Physics I	4
<u>PHY 210</u>	General Physics I	4
<u>PS 100</u>	Physical Science	4

Required Psychology Core Courses - 30 hours

<u>CIS 170</u>	Intro to Microcomputer Applications	3
<u>PSY 205/MATH 205</u>	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3
<u>PSY 430</u>	History and Systems of Psychology	3
<u>PSY 420</u>	Abnormal Psychology	3
<u>PSY 441/SOC 441</u>	Research Methods for the Social Sciences	3
<u>PSY 475</u>	Senior Seminar in Psychology	3

Choose one Clinical Psychology course:

<u>PSY 321</u>	Introduction to Counseling	3
<u>PSY 400</u>	Theories of Personality	3
<u>PSY 415</u>	Psychological Testing	3

Choose one Developmental Psychology course:

<u>PSY 340</u>	Psychology of Adolescence	3
<u>PSY 425/REL 425</u>	Psychology and Religion	3
<u>PSY 461</u>	Psychology of Adulthood and Aging	3
<u>PSY 463</u>	Psychology of Death and Dying	3

Choose one Experimental Psychology course:

<u>PSY 315</u>	Physiological Psychology	3
<u>PSY 320</u>	Human Learning and Cognition	3
<u>PSY 444/SPE 444</u>	Applied Behavior Analysis	3

Choose one Social Psychology course:

<u>PSY 300/SOC 300</u>	Social Psychology	3
<u>PSY 325</u>	Organizational Psychology	3

<u>PSY 335</u>	Psychology of Health and Wellness	3
<u>PSY 410</u>	Environmental Psychology	3

Students must earn a "C" or higher in CIS 170 and all Psychology courses.

Psychology Electives - 9 hours

Choose nine hours from psychology at the 300 level or higher.

Students must earn a "C" or higher in Psychology electives.

General Electives - 34-38 hours

Select sufficient courses from any academic discipline to bring the total hours for graduation to a minimum of 120.

Total GEC Credit Hours (43-47 hours)

Total Psychology Core Requirements (30 hours)

Total Psychology Electives (9 hours)

Total General Electives (34-38 hours)

120 minimum hours required for graduation.