Psychology
Bachelor of Arts
2017-2018

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.

Nature of Work:
People with a bachelor’s degree in psychology may find jobs in the field working as paraprofessional counselors, psychology technicians, employment counselors, personal analysts, and probation officers. Because of the well-developed research, writing, problem-solving, and high-level thinking skills gained in their undergraduate training, others find that their psychology background applies in a wide variety of careers, such as administrative support, business management, sales, education, and public affairs. In addition, a psychology degree can serve as an excellent foundation for professional careers in medicine, dentistry, law, and many other areas.

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, “[o]verall employment for psychologists is projected to grow 19 percent from 2014-2024,” while “[e]mployment of clinical, counseling, and school psychologists is projected to grow 20 percent” in 2014-2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. Employment growth will vary by occupation.” The BLS states that greater demand is expected for psychological services in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and community centers 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, “[c]ompetition for jobs for psychologists will vary by specialty. Overall, candidates with a doctoral or specialist degree and post-doctoral work experience will have the best job opportunities.” (See [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov))

Earnings:
In the May 2016 salary survey, the BLS states the median annual salary for clinical, counseling, and school psychologists as $73,270. (See [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov))
The chart below details one suggested path a student may take to complete a bachelor’s degree in Psychology. Classes that are offered with multiple sections are listed in each quarter they are available. Cognates, general studies courses, and electives should be taken to complete 192 credit hours to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. See the Undergraduate Bulletin for complete requirements.

### Freshman
- **Autumn**
  - PSYC 120 Intro to the Psychology Major ............... 4
  - PSYC 140 Intro to Psych: Social Foundations ............. 4
  - PSYC 215 Developmental Psychology ........................ 4
- **Winter**
  - PSYC 141 Intro to Psych: Biological Foundations ............... 4
  - PSYC 215 Developmental Psychology ........................ 4
- **Spring**
  - PSYC 215 Developmental Psychology ........................ 4

### Sophomore
- **Winter**
  - PSYC 366 Theories of Personality ...................................... 4
  - PSYC 344 Social Psychology ............................................ 4

### Junior
- **Winter**
  - PSYC 466 Biological Psychology ........................................ 4
  - PSYC 390 Cognitive Psychology ...................................... 4

### Senior
- **Winter**
  - PSYC 472 Research Methods II: Project Development ...... 2
  - PSYC 492 Abnormal Psychology .................................... 4
  - PSYC 473 Research Methods III: Research Project ............ 2

**Total Credits Required:**
192 Credits

**Cognates:**
- **Freshman**
  - Foreign Language Sequence

- **Sophomore**
  - BIOL 121, 122, 123 OR BIOL 141, 142, 143 – Anatomy & Physiology OR General Biology
  - PHIL 204 OR PHIL 205 – Essentials of Critical Reasoning OR Intro to Philosophy

- **English Requirements:**
  - **Freshman**
    - ENGL 121 & 122 – College Writing
  - **Sophomore**
    - ENGL 223 – Research Writing

- **Math Requirements:**
  - **Sophomore**
    - MATH 106- Intro to Statistics

- **Colloquium Requirements:**
  - Psychology majors are required to attend a colloquium called Orientation to Career & Graduate School to complete their degree requirements.

**General Requirements:**
- Health & P.E. 2 cr.
- History 8 cr.
- Social Science 4 cr.
- Humanities 12 cr.
- Language Arts 12 cr.
- Foreign Language 12 cr.
- Mathematics 4 cr.
- Natural Science 8 cr.
- Religion & Theology 18 cr.

**Notes:**
- + Classes offered even years
- - Classes offered odd years

**Before graduation, all students must take an exit exam.**