Psychology
Bachelor of Science
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:
Psychologists study human mental processes and behavior. They often specialize in a certain area, such as clinical, health, neuropsychological, geropsychological, counseling, industrial-organization, developmental, social, and experimental or research psychology. Research psychologists investigate the physical, cognitive, emotional, or social aspects of human behavior. Psychologists apply their knowledge to a wide range of endeavors, including health services, management, education, law, and sports. Psychologists in health service fields provide mental health care in hospitals, clinics, schools, or private settings. Psychologists employed in other settings, such as business, industry, government, or nonprofits, provide training, conduct research, design systems, and act as advocates for psychology.

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)

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)
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.** Classes with multiple options per quarter are listed with an OR option, you may only take one (1) of the two options per quarter. Cognates, general studies courses, and electives should be taken to complete 192 credit hours to complete a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. 

**See the Undergraduate Bulletin for complete requirements.**

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**Sophomore**

|                | PSYC 366 Theories of Personality ............................ 4 | PSYC 344 Social Psychology .............................. 4 |
|                | PSYC 390 Cognitive Psychology .............................. 4 |                                            |
|                | PSYC 466 Biological Psychology .............................. 4 |                                            |

**Junior**

|                | PSYC 455 History & Systems of Psychology .................. 4 | PSYC 466 Biological Psychology .................. 4 |
|                | PSYC 464 Introduction to Counseling ......................... 4 |                                            |

**Senior**

| OR             | PSYC 498 Senior Project .................................. 2 | PSYC 493 Psychology Practicum .......................... 3 | PSYC 492 Abnormal Psychology .......................... 2 |
| PSYC 499 Senior Thesis .................................. 2 | PSYC 499 Senior Project .................................. 2 | PSYC 498 Senior Project .................................. 2 |
| OR             | PSYC 493 Psychology Practicum .......................... 1-3 | PSYC 499 Senior Thesis .......................... 2 | PSYC 499 Senior Thesis .......................... 2 |
|                | PSYC 497 Research Methods III: Research Project ...... 2 | PSYC 499 Psychology Practicum .......................... 1-3 |                                            |

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

**Total Credits Required:**

192 Credits

**Cognates:**

**Sophomore**

BIOL 121, 122, 123 OR BIOL 141, 142, 143 – Anatomy & Physiology

OR General Biology (Preferred)

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:**

**Freshman**

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.

Mathematics 4 cr.

Natural Science 8 cr.

Religion & Theology 18 cr.

**Notes:**

- Classes offered even years
- Classes offered odd years