

# Psychology, BA

ASPGSBA

Available accelerated bachelor's/master's degree program options may vary by modality (online vs. on-campus). Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

Are you fascinated by the human mind and human behavior? Undertake unique undergraduate research opportunities in the field of psychology, such as using motion tracking technology to research nonverbal cues when someone is lying, and eye tracking technology to understand emotions.


## Program description

Psychology is the scientific study of human behavior. This diverse field includes mental health and counseling, as well as child development, neuroscience and brain function, memory and decision-making, behavior analysis, statistics and more. It also crosses over into other disciplines, including medicine, law, business and economics.

All New College psychology programs have a quantitative research focus, equipping students with skills in critical thinking, statistical analysis and academic writing. Students have the opportunity to go beyond the classroom, adding practical experiences through internships, service-learning and faculty-supervised research. The BS degree differs from the BA degree in that it requires additional lab science coursework and advanced statistical training, both of which are increasingly important for destinations in research or clinical practice. The Bachelor of Arts degree allows for exposure to a wider breadth of psychological and related topics through additional elective coursework. Both pathways provide a strong foundation for future graduate studies.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West Valley campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of [the WUE program](#).

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#) **WUE**, [ASU at Lake Havasu](#) or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 119 - Finite Mathematics  
or MAT 170 Precalculus
- **Math intensity:** Moderate 

## Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(online\)](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

## Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

## Accelerated program options

This program allows students to choose a 3-year path while participating in the same high-quality educational experience of a 4-year option. Students can opt to fast-track their studies after acceptance into a participating program by connecting with their academic advisor. Fast track options appear at the top of the major map.

This program also allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[Communication Studies, MA](#)

[Global Management, MGM](#)

[Interdisciplinary Studies, MA](#)

[Psychology \(Positive Psychology\), MS](#)

[Psychology, MS](#)

[Social Data Science, MA](#)

[Social Justice and Human Rights, MA](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

## Admission requirements

### General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

## Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

## Attend online

### ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

### ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with [ASU Local](#), an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

## Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

## Global opportunities

### Global experience

Study abroad allows students in the psychology program to acquire enhanced knowledge and experience that will enable them to stand out in many career fields. Students are exposed to unique differences in the human condition worldwide, are able to improve language and cross-cultural skills for effective communication, and are challenged to adapt under new social and cultural circumstances.

With more than 300 options available, whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, [Global Education programs](#) give students a global perspective and knowledge in preparation for their career. Students in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences can explore how their varied fields and interests interact in different settings around the world.

## Career opportunities

A degree in psychology prepares graduates for a career in:

- government (sales and marketing, human resources management)
- industry
- mental health professions (youth counselor, substance abuse counselor)
- social services (high school psychology teacher, occupational analyst)

The degree also provides an excellent foundation for graduate study in fields such as public administration, law, family studies, communication and the various graduate program fields in psychology:

- clinical and counseling
- cognitive neuroscience
- developmental
- environmental
- experimental
- health
- legal
- physiological
- social

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Addictions Counselor</u> ☀	18.4%	\$49,710
<u>Behavioral Health Specialist</u> ☀	6.6%	\$61,420
<u>Counselor (General)</u> ☀	17.2%	\$43,390
<u>Licensed Clinical Psychologist</u> ☀	11.4%	\$90,130
<u>Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT)</u> ☀	14.9%	\$56,570
<u>Mental Health Counselor</u> ☀	18.4%	\$49,710
<u>Probation Officer</u>	2.5%	\$59,860
<u>School Psychologist</u>	1.3%	\$81,500
<u>Social Worker</u> ☀	5.3%	\$50,820
<u>Substance Abuse Social Worker</u> ☀	10.6%	\$51,240

\* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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