Psychology, BA

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, like 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 such as medicine, law, business and economics.

This BA program in psychology --- emphasizing critical thinking and reasoning, quantitative research methods and writing --- goes beyond the classroom, adding practical experiences through internships, service-learning and faculty-supervised research. (Some opportunities are not available to students enrolled in the degree offered through ASU Online.)

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West 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 WUE, ASU at Lake Havasu or Online, ASU Local

• **Additional Program Fee:** No
• **Second Language Requirement:** No
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 119 - Finite Mathematics or MAT 170 Precalculus
• **Math Intensity:** Moderate

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**Required Courses (Major Map)**

2023 - 2024 Major Map (On-campus)
2023 - 2024 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

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**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, MS
- Social Justice and Human Rights, MA
- Social Technologies, MA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated masterâs 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.

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, 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**
Through study abroad, students gain valuable experience that would enhance many career options.

Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, study abroad exposes students to unique differences in the human condition worldwide, challenges them to adapt to new social and cultural circumstances, and enables them to improve language and cross-cultural skills for effective communication.

With more than 300 [Global Education programs](#) available, students in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences can tailor their educational experience to their unique interests and skill sets and 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

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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* 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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