

Psychology, BA

LAPGSBA

Uncover, discover and understand behavior. You'll explore the why behind actions and thoughts while learning from top-tier faculty about tackling addiction, enhancing child development, improving the ways people interact with one another, and more.

Program description

The BA in psychology program offers a deep understanding of human and animal behavior. Alongside distinguished faculty, students explore topics such as stress, emotions, conflict and the pivotal role of body image in shaping identity.


What sets this program apart is its robust support network that connects students to an engaged community of alumni. Internships complement classroom learning and provide practical experience that bridges psychology education with careers in business, health care and the various helping professions.

A foundation in psychology empowers graduates for personal and professional growth, paving the way for success in work, relationships and family roles. The program also positions students to excel in professional graduate degree programs, particularly in law, business, social work and counseling.

In addition to reviewing the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes

- **First required math course:** MAT 119 - Finite Mathematics
or MAT 170 Pre-Calculus
- **Math intensity:** Moderate 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[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 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:

[Global Management, MGM](#)

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](#)

Additional requirements:

Freshman admission requirements for this program are the same as the university's freshman admission requirements.

Transfer admission requirements:

Transfer applicants must meet university transfer admission requirements.

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.

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 additional skills and knowledge. They are exposed to unique differences in human behavior, are able to improve language and cross-cultural skills for effective communication, and are challenged to adapt to new social and cultural circumstances.

The expanded education that students acquire through a [Global Education program](#) will be a valuable enhancement to their resume, helping them stand out when applying for graduate school or when pursuing their choice of careers.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends [these programs](#) for students majoring in psychology.

Career opportunities

The Bachelor of Arts in psychology empowers students with a versatile skill set encompassing analytical thinking, effective communication, teamwork and leadership. Graduates are well-prepared for a wide array of career paths, including roles in law, business, health care and the helping professions.

This program's rigorous curriculum not only hones students' practical skills in writing and public speaking but also lays a strong foundation for success in competitive graduate-level programs, enabling students to apply psychological concepts and principles across various fields.

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>Human Resources Specialist (HR Specialist)</u> ☀	5.9%	\$64,240
<u>Lawyer</u> ☀	7.5%	\$135,740
<u>Market Research Analyst</u> ☀	13.4%	\$68,230
<u>Mental Health Counselor</u> ☀	18.4%	\$49,710
<u>Occupational Therapist (OT)</u> ☀	11.5%	\$93,180
<u>Physician Assistant (PA)</u> ☀	26.5%	\$126,010
<u>Probation Officer</u>	2.5%	\$59,860
<u>Psychiatric Aide</u> ☀	4.9%	\$37,160
<u>School Psychologist</u>	1.3%	\$81,500

* 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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