Psychology, BA

Do you ever wonder why people act the way they do? Do you think that there might be different ways to interpret someone's thoughts and actions? This program teaches the critical thinking and analysis skills necessary to understand behavior from different perspectives.

Program Description

In addition to coursework, the BA in psychology offers students the opportunity to work alongside renowned faculty researching exciting new questions. Students explore the complex answers to many of the mysteries of human and animal behavior, such as how humans manage stress, emotions, conflict and how body image affects a sense of identity. Students are also able to apply their knowledge in internships that help them identify and prepare for interesting careers that involve psychology.

The study of psychology prepares students with support and answers not only for the transition into their work lives but also for other important life roles. The Department of Psychology is committed to providing continued support and answers to its graduates as they use that foundation of psychology in their own lives as they transition into jobs, careers, marriage and families. Undergraduates in the psychology major have access to a mentorship network of alumni to help mentor and provide support throughout their academic careers.

In addition to 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.

https://thecollege.asu.edu/concurrent-and-second-baccalaureate-degrees

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• Location: Tempe

• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: Yes
• First Required Math Course: MAT 119 - Finite Mathematics
  or MAT 170 Pre-Calculus
• Math Intensity: Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 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 and master's degree with:

Global Management, MGM

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments 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.
**Change of Major Requirements**

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

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) 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™](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

Studying abroad allows students in the psychology program to acquire additional skills that enable them to stand out in many career fields. Students are exposed to unique differences in human behavior worldwide, are able to improve language and cross-cultural skills for effective communication, and are challenged to adapt under new social and cultural circumstances. Opportunities exist worldwide, including in Singapore, Australia and Ireland. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in psychology: [https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/psychology](https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/psychology).

**Career Opportunities**

The Bachelor of Arts in psychology provides students the opportunity to develop a broad range of highly marketable skills, including analytical skills, writing and public speaking skills as well as teamwork and leadership skills.
Graduates are prepared for many careers in a variety of settings that provide opportunities to apply concepts and principles of psychology. They also are prepared for pursuit of graduate degrees in academic or clinical psychology or in such fields as counseling, social work, family therapy and law.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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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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