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.

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)

2023 - 2024 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 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.

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 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 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 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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