Psychology, BS

Why do some people suffer from addiction or mental illness, while others don't? How do mental, biological and social processes influence behavior? You can learn how to use scientific data to understand why people act the way they do.

Program Description

In the BS program in psychology, students discover the ways in which psychology combines with other STEM disciplines in the study of how the brain and behavior impact all aspects of the human experience.

Students acquire basic knowledge of psychology theory and practice. They develop skills in research analysis, critical thinking and the ability to interact effectively with a range of diverse groups across scientific interests and disciplines.

In addition to coursework, they gain hands-on experience by working with renowned world-class faculty researching the brain, mind and behavior. Students can prepare for interesting careers using psychology by working in functioning research laboratories studying the complexities of human and animal behavior.

The Department of Psychology is known for and is committed to providing continued support and answers to its graduates as a foundation for their personal transition into careers, marriage, families and other important life roles. Undergraduates in the psychology major also have access to a mentor 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: No
• 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**

Through study abroad programs, students are exposed to unique differences in human behavior and the human condition, 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**
Graduates are well positioned for advanced research and graduate study in psychology, the health sciences, law and other graduate level degrees and programs. The Bachelor of Science degree program also prepares graduates with the strong foundation they need for direct entry into their choice of career in any of many field options.

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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<td>5.9%</td>
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<td>Licensed Clinical Psychologist</td>
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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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