

Psychology (Psychological Science), BS

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Study the mind, brain and behavior in a research lab. Psychological science immerses you in hands-on learning, enabling you to explore behavior from a scientific perspective and preparing you for impactful careers.


Program description

A BS in psychology that specializes in psychological science immerses students in research-focused learning. They collaborate with renowned faculty at the forefront of innovation and discovery, and explore human and animal behavior, stress, emotions and more from the perspective of a research scientist.

Tailored for those aspiring to pursue a PhD or related scientific graduate studies, this program blends intensive coursework with hands-on learning. The program provides practical experience through internships and connects current students to a robust mentorship network, where alumni guide current scholars throughout their academic journey. Graduates emerge collaborative and are prepared for impactful careers doing research that makes a difference in people's lives.

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:** No
- **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.

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Additional requirements:

The BS in psychology with a concentration in psychological science is open to students who have:

- completed the critical courses for a BS in psychology (ENG 101, ENG 102, MAT 251 or MAT 270, PSY 101, PSY 230, PSY 290) with a "C" or better
- earned at least 45 credit hours
- earned at least an ASU cumulative GPA of 3.00

Students must maintain at least a cumulative GPA of 3.00 from admittance through graduation.

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

Students must have completed all critical courses for the BS in psychology (ENG 101, ENG 102, MAT 119 or MAT 170, PSY 101, PSY 230, PSY 290) with a "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better, and have at least 45 earned credit hours.

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") from admittance through graduation.

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

When studying abroad, students are able to enhance their understanding of human interaction, culture and behavior through the unique cultural experiences afforded by the opportunities inherent in their program.

[Global Education programs](#) expose students to unique differences in the human condition elsewhere in the world and expand their knowledge. Students gain heightened cultural competency, and communication and critical thinking skills while exploring a new and exciting part of the world. This valuable skill set can set them apart from other applicants when they apply for graduate school or pursue a job after graduation.

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

Career opportunities

Earning a degree in psychology with a concentration in psychological science opens doors to versatile career paths. Graduates are well-prepared for diverse roles in health and research teaching.

The program's strong foundation also readies students for competitive graduate-level programs in all areas of psychology, law and medicine.

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
Industrial Psychologist 🌟	5.9%	\$139,280
Lawyer 🌟	7.5%	\$135,740

<u>Licensed Clinical Psychologist</u> ☀	11.4%	\$90,130
<u>Neuropsychologist</u> ☀	5.1%	\$106,420
<u>Occupational Therapist (OT)</u> ☀	11.5%	\$93,180
<u>Physician Assistant (PA)</u> ☀	26.5%	\$126,010
<u>Psychiatrist</u> ☀	6.7%	\$226,880
<u>Psychology Professor</u> ☀	5.2%	\$78,810
<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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