Psychology (Psychological Science), BS

Do you want to conduct scientific research? Do you ever wonder what it would feel like to be in a research lab studying the mind, brain or addiction? Get hands-on experience that enables you to understand behavior from a scientific perspective.

Program Description

In addition to coursework, the BS program in psychology with a concentration in psychological science offers students the opportunity to work alongside renowned faculty researching exciting new questions. Students study human and animal behavior, such as how humans manage stress and emotions and how body image affects a sense of identity. They also are able to apply their knowledge through internships that help prepare them for interesting careers that provide opportunities for them to use their knowledge of psychology.

The Department of Psychology expects to provide its graduates with a foundation of psychology that may be applied in their own lives, not only for their transition into jobs and careers, but also in marriages, families and other important aspects of life. Undergraduates in the psychology major also 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](https://thecollege.asu.edu)
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](https://thecollege.asu.edu/locations) or [Online](https://thecollege.asu.edu/online)

- **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)**

- [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.

**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

- [Freshman](#) | [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.

**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 earned 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 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™ 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.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

Students are able to enhance their understanding of human interaction, culture and behavior through unique cultural experiences by studying abroad. Programs can be found in a wide range of countries, from Spain to Israel. Students gain heightened cultural competency and communication and critical thinking skills while exploring a new and exciting part of the world. More information is available on the Global Education website. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

The bachelor’s degree program in psychology with a concentration in psychological science prepares graduates for careers as researchers, teachers or clinicians, or for graduate study. The program is also ideal preparation for professional postgraduate programs in the fields of law and medicine.

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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School Psychologist

* 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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