

Psychology, BA

LSPGSBA

Interested in understanding what makes people tick? Learn the science behind why people do what they do, and enjoy the chance to work in research labs addressing romantic relationships, Latino psychology and social justice. The knowledge and research experience you'll gain are applicable to many careers.

Program description

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behavior.

The BA program in psychology emphasizes critical thinking, empirical research methods and writing, and adds practical experience through internships, service-learning and faculty-supervised research. The Bachelor of Arts program provides a broad foundation in psychology and affords students the flexibility to choose from a variety of courses outside the major.

Students have the opportunity to participate in faculty-led research labs on a wide range of topics, including:

- PLENA Research Lab. <https://www.plenaresearch.org/>
- Couples Coping with Stress Lab. <https://ashleykrandall.wixsite.com/asucouplescoping>
- Tran Ethnic and Minority Psychology and Experiences (TEMPE) Lab.
<https://sites.google.com/site/tempelab/about>

At a glance

- **College/School:** [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Polytechnic](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 119 - Finite Mathematics
or MAT 170 Precalculus

- **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](#)

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

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 students are exposed to unique differences in the human condition worldwide, are able to improve language and cross-cultural skills for effective communication, and are challenged to adapt under new social and cultural circumstances. Participating in one of the more than 300 [Global Education programs](#) provides an opportunity for students to develop a valuable skill set that can give them an advantage in their career and provide personal enrichment. Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, Global Education programs encourage students to build communication skills, challenge them to adapt and persevere, expose them to differences across the world and increase their ability to work with diverse groups of people.

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

Career opportunities

The Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that projected job growth (2022 to 2032) for psychologists is 6%, which is faster than average.

A degree in psychology prepares students for a career in a variety of settings:

- consulting firms
- government (sales and marketing, human resources, research, administration, management)
- hospitals
- industries and organizations
- mental health agencies
- social services (high school psychology teacher, occupational analyst)

The degree also provides an excellent foundation for graduate study in fields such as public administration, law, family studies, communication and the various graduate program fields in psychology:

- clinical and counseling
- cognitive neuroscience
- developmental
- environmental
- health
- physiological
- social

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
<u>Addictions Counselor</u> ☀	18.4%	\$49,710
<u>Behavioral Health Specialist</u> ☀	6.6%	\$61,420
<u>Counselor (General)</u> ☀	17.2%	\$43,390
<u>Licensed Clinical Psychologist</u> ☀	11.4%	\$90,130
<u>Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT)</u> ☀	14.9%	\$56,570
<u>Mental Health Counselor</u> ☀	18.4%	\$49,710
<u>Probation Officer</u>	2.5%	\$59,860
<u>School Psychologist</u>	1.3%	\$81,500
<u>Social Worker</u> ☀	5.3%	\$50,820
<u>Substance Abuse Social Worker</u> ☀	10.6%	\$51,240

* 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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