Psychology, BA

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 gain is 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
- Additional Program Fee: No
- Second Language Requirement: No
• **First Required Math Course**: MAT 119 - Finite Mathematics
  or MAT 170 Precalculus
• **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.

First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

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™](https://www.mypath.asu.edu) 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](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU).

**Global Opportunities**

Global Experience
The benefits students gain by studying abroad allow them to stand out when pursuing many career fields. 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. Opportunities for study are worldwide, including in Singapore, Australia and Ireland. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

The College of Integrative Sciences and Arts recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in psychology: [https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/psychology](https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/psychology).

### Career Opportunities

The Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the outlook for job growth (2016 to 2026) for psychologists is 14%, 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

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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<th>Career</th>
<th>*Growth</th>
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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).