Psychology, BS

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 issues such as romantic relationships, Latino psychology and social justice. The knowledge and research experience you gain are applicable to many careers.

Program Description

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behavior.

The BS program in psychology emphasizes critical thinking, reasoning, quantitative research and scientific writing.

Students have the opportunity to participate in faculty-led research labs on a wide range of topics. Some labs include:

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

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to 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
Through study abroad programs, students are exposed to unique differences in the human condition, are able to improve language and crosscultural 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. More information is available on the Global Education website. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

Graduates of the psychology program who have study abroad experience are positioned to stand out in many career fields.

**Career Opportunities**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the outlook for job growth (2016 to 2026) for psychologists is 14%, which is much faster than average.

A degree in psychology prepares students for a career in various 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 program 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
- experimental
- quantitative
- 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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* 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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