



# Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

The Psychology B.A. meets the needs of adult learners interested in applying their knowledge of human behavior in a wide variety of career paths, including education, public health, business, law, criminal justice, and more. **Graduates of this program will be ready to excel in their chosen career or enter a master's program to prepare for certification as a counselor or social worker.**

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**Total BAPSY Credit Hours Requirement:** 124 Credits

**BAPSY Curriculum:** 48 Credits/80 weeks

**General Education Curriculum:** 40 Credits

**Elective/Transfer Curriculum:** 37 Credits

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## Admission Requirements

To be considered for enrollment into the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology program, an applicant must apply with the following:

### General Admission Requirements

- 50 transferable semester hours completed at an accredited college or university, or institutions that are on track to become accredited.
  - Applicants with less than 50 transferable semester hours must meet additional requirements, including submitting any transcripts and exam scores.
  - No more than two identical program courses can be transferred in from another school.
  - There is no age limit to the transfer credits. All relevant coursework will be transferred within the guidelines of the program.
- Overall college transfer grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- One year of full-time work experience

## General Admission Requirements (continued)

- Students who speak English as a second language (ESL) must take one of the following exams to show proficiency in the English language:
  - Paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
    - Must earn a score of 500 or higher
  - Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
    - Must earn a score of 61 or higher
  - Applicants who graduated from a U.S. high school or earned at least 6 credits at a U.S. college with a passing grade point average may be exempt from these exams.

*Applicants may be considered for admission as further defined in the Admission Policies and Transfer of Credit Agreement.*

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete all courses in the Psychology major with a grade of “C” or better.
- Fulfill all required general education credits.
- Earn a minimum of 124 credits with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Payment of all tuition and fees.

See the courses you will take 

## Courses in BAPSY

### **PSYC 3313**

#### **Professional Development (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This course is designed to facilitate team-building as well as the process of adapting to the academic environment. Emphasis will be placed on group interaction, understanding and appreciating the views of others, and personal growth. In addition, students will be introduced to available resources such as the library and Internet tools that will be critical to their success in the academic setting.

### **PSYC 1301**

#### **Introduction to Psychology (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This is a general survey of the field of psychology, with specific coverage of the use of the scientific method in increasing knowledge about psychology; biological explanations of human behavior; and the different basic theoretical perspectives on the description and explanation of human behavior, such as behaviorism, psychoanalysis, cognitive, and humanistic psychology. This course is an eclectic and multicultural approach to attempting to understand people through a dynamic interaction of biological, psychological, socio-cultural, and historical factors, and balancing principles and contemporary applications of psychology. This is a fundamental course to prepare students for more advanced study in the social sciences.

### **PSYC 2302**

#### **Human Growth and Development (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This course examines physical, cognitive, emotional, language, social, and moral development throughout the entire lifespan of humans, including conception, prenatal, infancy, childhood, adolescence, and adulthood within a socio-cultural environmental perspective; and psychodynamic, behavioral, humanistic, and cognitive theories of development.

### **PSYC 2308**

#### **Special Topics in Psychology: Health Psychology (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This course is a survey of the interplay of psychology with the social, emotional, cognitive, behavioral, and biological factors that impact health and illness. The role of stress in illness, coping with chronic illness, pain, and the role of behavior in health and disease will be examined. Sociodemographic and contextual factors, including culture, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, religion, sex identification, gender, lifestyle, etc., will also be examined.

## Courses in BAPSY

### **PSYC 3300**

#### **Learning and Memory (3 credits/5 weeks)**

After covering in detail classical and operant conditioning, this course will address other models of learning (e.g., cognitive learning and social learning). Modern models of memory are addressed, including short-term and long-term memory, and depth of processing models.

### **PSYC 3309**

#### **Personality (3 credits/5 weeks)**

The course explores the major current and historical theoretical approaches (psychodynamic, trait, behaviorism, and humanism) to the study of the different characteristic patterns of behaving, thinking, and feeling that exist across individuals; the variety of tests and inventories used to assess personality; and their contemporary application.

### **PSYC 3314**

#### **Theoretical Perspectives in Psychology (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This course is a systematic analysis of the major theoretical perspectives in psychology on behavior, (e.g., behavioral, humanistic, cognitive, motivational, and psychodynamic perspectives).

### **PSYC 3317**

#### **Perception and Cognition (3 credits/5 weeks)**

The focus of this course is how humans take in and process information about the world around them. It addresses cognitive styles, patterns of thinking, neural bases of thought, and current models of cognitive processing.

### **PSYC 3320**

#### **Educational Psychology and Measurements (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This course is a study of the application of scientific knowledge about individual differences, personality development, and the process of learning to the problems of teaching and learning. The course includes the examination of measurement and evaluation of student achievement using standardized tests and informal assessment procedures.

### **PSYC 3328**

#### **Adolescent Psychology (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This course is a detailed study of the physical, emotional, and intellectual development of adolescents.

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### **PSYC 4316**

#### **Abnormal Psychology (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This course covers historical and current approaches to mental abnormality and how psychologists use these approaches to diagnose and treat patients. The schizophrenias, mood, anxiety, somatoform, dissociative, personality, and sexual and gender disorders, as well as the different models of psychotherapy, are examined.

### **PSYC 2313**

#### **Social Science Statistics I (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This course introduces concepts and methods used in social science statistics and helps students learn how to use statistical tools wisely.

### **PSYC 3329**

#### **Methods in Social Research (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This course presents the application of scientific methods of investigation in the social and behavioral sciences.

### **PSYC 4308**

#### **Counseling Theory and Application (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This course covers counseling theory and how it is applied, including the different models of psychotherapy.

### **PSYC 2308**

#### **Special Topics in Psychology: Industrial and Organizational Psychology (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This course is a survey of the application of psychological theory and research (in areas such as psychometrics, social psychology, and personality psychology) to understanding and enhancing the effectiveness of people at work and the operations of organizations.

### **PSYC 4327**

#### **Seminar - Capstone (3 credits/5 weeks)**

This is a capstone course that provides students with a comprehensive review of the discipline of psychology, including the development of a thesis project that demonstrates their accomplishments.



## **Our Enrollment Team Can Help**

Have questions? We can talk you through your specific situation one-on-one so you don't have to figure it all out alone.

**Give us a call today so we can help you get started:**

**888.918.3415**