

# Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

43 units

The B.A. in Psychology (<http://www.apu.edu/bas/programs/psychology-majors>) program helps students learn about human behavior through critical thinking skills, gain experience in methods of research, and conduct scientific inquiries. Students who complete the program are well equipped to pursue graduate education and careers in clinical/counseling areas in psychology and child life, and a variety of applied and allied areas in psychology (e.g., organizational psychology, educational psychology, and social work).

The core requirements of the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology give students a grounding in the primary areas of the discipline and an understanding of the basics of human behavior. Students must achieve an average GPA of 2.0 in the courses counted for the psychology major or minor.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Prerequisite Courses</b>		
MATH 130	Introduction to Statistics <sup>1</sup>	
BIOL 101 or BIOL 151	Fundamentals of Biology (BIOL 151 Recommended) <sup>2</sup> General Biology I	
<b>Core Courses</b>		22
PSYC 110	General Psychology <sup>3, 4</sup>	
PSYC 250	Data Analysis in Psychology	
WRIT 260	Writing 2: Psychology Subdisciplines and Career Trajectories <sup>5</sup>	
PSYC 290	Human Growth and Development <sup>4</sup>	
PSYC 292	Introduction to Brain and Behavior	
PSYC 362	Writing 3: Research Methods in Psychology <sup>6</sup>	
PSYC 496	Senior Seminar: Psychology and Christian Integration	
<b>Guided Electives</b>		
Beyond core requirements, students complete the major by choosing courses among four domains of guided electives:		
<b>Domain A: Social/Cultural/Systems Psychology</b>		6
Choose two courses from the following:		
PSYC 320	Social Psychology	
PSYC 340	History of Psychology	
PSYC 385	Health Psychology	
PSYC 386	Community Psychology	
PSYC 400	Multicultural Psychology <sup>7</sup>	
PSYC 440	Psychology of Religion	
PSYC 445	Psychology of the Family	
<b>Domain B: Neurocognitive Psychology</b>		3
Choose one course from the following:		
PSYC 390	Cognition	
PSYC 405	Psychology of Learning	
PSYC 453	Bilingualism, Biculturalism, and Cognition	
PSYC 470	Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSYC 472	Neurological and Behavioral Disorders	
<b>Domain C: Subdisciplinary Courses</b>		9
Choose three courses from the following:		
PSYC 305	Educational Psychology	
PSYC 330	Sports Psychology	
PSYC 345	Psychology of Child and Adolescent Development <sup>4</sup>	
PSYC 355	Psychology of Adult Development	
PSYC 360	Abnormal Psychology (Required)	
PSYC 370	Industrial/Organizational Psychology	
PSYC 375	Psychology of Conflict Management and Mediation	
PSYC 380	Psychology of Personality	

PSYC 410	Psychology of Exceptional Children
PSYC 415	Group Process
PSYC 430	Intervention Strategies with Children
PSYC 432	Psychosocial Interventions in Pediatric Health Care
PSYC 450	Counseling
PSYC 463	Drugs, Behavior, and Society
PSYC 480	Psychological Testing and Measurement
PSYC 485	Stress and Coping
PSYC 494	Professional Studies in Child Life
PSYC 495	Special Topics in Psychology
PSYC 497	Readings
PSYC 498	Directed Research
PSYC 499	Thesis/Project

**Domain D: Applied Integrative Learning**

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Choose one course from the following:

PSYC 455	Field Experience <sup>8</sup>
PSYC 475	Research Experience <sup>8</sup>

**Domain G: Graduate Electives (Optional)**

PSYC 501	Theory, Research and Practice in Psychology
PSYC 512	Non-Experimental Research Methods
PSYC 519	Regression
PSYC 519L	Regression Lab

Total Units

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- 1 **Meets the General Education Quantitative Literacy requirement.**
- 2 **Meets the General Education Natural Science requirement.**
- 3 An AP Psychology score of 3, 4, or 5 will be accepted for PSYC 110.
- 4 **Meets the General Education Social Science requirement.**
- 5 **Meets the General Education Writing 2 requirement.**
- 6 **Meets the General Education Writing 3 requirement.**
- 7 Meets the General Education Intercultural Competence requirement.
- 8 **Meets the General Education Integrative and Applied Learning requirement.**