

PSYCHOLOGY, B.A.

The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology provides training in the theories and practices of psychology. Students learn to apply the scientific method through involvement in research and clinical training from our renowned facilities, focusing on core research themes such as child and family psychology, cognitive neuroscience, community and multicultural psychology, behavioral neuroscience, children in schools and promoting health.

Our programs provide room for specialization and development so students can explore specific interests relevant to their goals. Compared to the Bachelor of Science track, the Bachelor of Arts degree offers students the opportunity to take more coursework focused on the humanities while providing a foundation in the science of psychology. A cognate or minor is required for both degree tracks.

A psychology degree builds the groundwork for successful employment after graduation in fields such as human services, management, counseling, student affairs, criminology and law. With support from our dedicated faculty and advisors, students will be prepared to enter graduate training in practitioner-oriented fields as well as research-oriented fields like cognitive or behavioral neuroscience and quantitative psychology.

We also offer the neuroscience major for those students who plan to enter neuroscience graduate work or are on a pre-med track.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will describe key concepts principles and overarching themes in psychology.
2. Students will develop a working knowledge of psychology content domains.
3. Students will describe applications of psychology.
4. Students will use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena.
5. Students will demonstrate psychology information literacy.
6. Students will interpret design and conduct basic psychological research.
7. Students will demonstrate effective writing for different purposes.
8. Students will exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes.
9. Students will develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation.
10. Students will apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice.
11. Students will adopt values that build community at local national and global levels.