BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology offers a foundation in the analysis and critical evaluation of psychological literature; the communication of psychological concepts and facts both orally and in writing; and the development of psychological research including design, data analysis, measurement, and ability to use computer for statistical analysis. Our B.A. degree provides an excellent foundation for work in the community in many fields that involve human relations and behavior. In addition, the undergraduate degree is excellent preparation for graduate school in all fields of psychology, other behavioral and social sciences as well as for graduate programs in business, law, medicine, and many other professional fields.

Program Learning Outcomes

a. Knowledge Base in Psychology. Describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology. Develop a working knowledge of psychology’s content domains. Describe applications of psychology.


c. Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World. Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science practice. Build and enhance interpersonal relationships. Adopt values that build community at local, national, and global levels.

d. Communication. Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes. Exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes. Interact effectively with others.

e. Professional Development. Apply psychological content and skills to career goals. Exhibit self-efficacy and self-regulation. Refine project management skills. Enhance teamwork capacity. Develop meaningful professional direction for life after.

Admissions requirements:

To be eligible for admission, students must have

a. Be a resident of California or another authorized state. See State Authorization (https://cel.sfsu.edu/courses/authorization/).

b. Have completed a minimum of 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) units

c. Have a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better in all transferable units attempted.

d. Be in good standing at the last college or university attended.

e. Have completed all lower-division General Education requirements (39 semester units or 58.5 quarter units) with a grade of C- or better including the below four courses commonly called “Golden Four”:

   i. Oral Communication
   ii. Written Communication
   iii. Critical Thinking
   iv. Quantitative Reasoning

Psychology (B.A.) – 41-47 Units

The major includes 14 units of core curriculum, 18 units of basic courses, and 9 units of electives. Because of high demand, enrollment priority is given to Psychology majors in all upper-division Psychology courses. Courses numbered 300 and above are not open to freshmen.

• Psychology majors must take PSY 200, PSY 305GW, PSY 371, and PSY 400 for a letter grade and achieve a grade of C or better in all four courses.

• Majors must achieve a grade of CR in PSY 303 and PSY 690.

• PSY 171 (or any quantitative reasoning course) is a prerequisite for PSY 371.

Core Curriculum (14 Units)

Core courses should be taken in the order listed below.

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<td>PSY 371</td>
<td>Psychological Statistics</td>
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<td>Introduction to Research in Psychology</td>
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<td>PSY 305GW</td>
<td>Writing in Psychology - GWAR</td>
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<td>PSY 690</td>
<td>Future Directions for Psychology Majors (online)</td>
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Basic Courses (18-21 Units)

Choose two courses from each of the following Areas 1 through 3:

• Area 1: Basic Psychological Processes (6)
• Area 2: Psychological Development and Individual Differences (6-7)
• Area 3: Social, Cultural, Organizational, and Community Contexts (6-8)

Electives (9-12 Units)

Choose 3 elective courses from courses in Areas 1–3 not used to satisfy the Basic Course requirement and/or from additional upper-division psychology courses.

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<td>PSY 432</td>
<td>Cognitive Development: Language, Thinking, and Perception</td>
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PSY 495  The Psychology of Human Memory  3
PSY 498  Cognitive Neuroscience: Psychological Models  3
PSY 531  Psycholinguistics  3
PSY 581  Physiological Psychology I  3
PSY 582  Physiological Psychology II  3

Area 2: Psychological Development and Individual Differences
PSY 430  Adolescent Psychology  3
PSY 431  Developmental Psychology  3
PSY 433  Social, Emotional, and Personality Development  3
PSY 434  The Psychology of Aging  3
PSY 435  Developmental Psychopathology  3
PSY/SXS 436  The Development of Femaleness and Maleness  4
PSY 442  Health Psychology  3
PSY 451  Theories of Personality  3
PSY 452  Clinical Psychopathology  3
PSY 521  Introduction to Clinical Psychology  3

Area 3: Social, Cultural, Organizational, and Community Contexts
PSY 440  Social Psychology  3
PSY 441  The Psychology of the Family  3
PSY 455  Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Psychology  3
PSY/SXS 456  Psychology of Human Sexual Behavior  3
PSY 461  Introduction to Industrial/Organizational Psychology  3
PSY 462  Personnel Psychology  3
PSY 463  Human Factors  3
PSY 464  Psychology of Career Pursuit  3
PSY 465  The Psychology of Work-Life Stress  3
PSY 466  Training and Development in Organizations  3
PSY 472  Introduction to Legal Psychology  3
PSY 474  Psychology of Social Justice  3
PSY 475  Psychology of Policing  3
PSY 525  Community Psychology  3
PSY 540  Decision Making: A Perspective from Social Psychology  3
PSY 547  Social Conflict and Conflict Resolution  3
PSY 558  Field Services Seminar  3-5
& PSY 559  and Psychological Field Service
PSY 645  Group Processes  3

Additional Courses That May Be Used for Electives
PSY 300  Current Issues in Psychology  3
PSY/SXS 320  Sex and Relationships  3
PSY 330  Child Development  1  3
PSY 443  The Science of Happiness  3
PSY 450/  SXS 400/SOC 400  Variations in Human Sexuality  3
PSY 571  Intermediate Psychological Statistics  3
PSY 601  Theoretical Backgrounds in Psychology  3
PSY 668  The Psychology of Leadership  3
PSY 680  Peer Advising in Psychology  3
PSY 685  Projects in the Teaching of Psychology  3
PSY 693  Proseminar I  3
PSY 694  Proseminar II  3
PSY 697  Senior Project Preparation  3
PSY 698  Senior Project in Psychology  3
PSY 699  Independent Study in Psychology  1-4

1 Students may not use PSY 330 as an elective if they have taken PSY 431.

Complementary Studies
Bachelor of Arts students must complete at least 12 units of Complementary Studies from courses with a prefix other than PSY, and not cross-listed with PSY. (Note: Students may not use an alternate prefix that is cross-listed with the primary prefix for the major.)

Students who complete two majors or a major and a minor automatically complete the Complementary Studies requirement. Additional ways to complete Complementary Studies for students in the Psychology major include 12 units of languages other than English, 12 units from an approved Study Abroad program, 12 units from partial completion of a certificate, or 12 units from any combination of courses in ANTH, BIO, CAD, CJ, CSC, COUN, EDUC, ETHS, PHIL, and SOC, or a coherent group of courses approved by a major advisor as complementary to the major. All of the units must be separate from units counted in the major. Courses that fulfill the complementary studies requirement may be lower or upper-division units, resident or transfer units, or units taken in approved study abroad programs. Consult with your major advisor for assistance.

Students who have earned AA-T or AA-S degrees may use courses from community colleges to fulfill the Complementary Studies requirement provided the course has a prefix other than Psychology. Students should consult with a major advisor about how transfer units and/or SF State units can best be applied to this requirement in order to ensure degree completion within 60 units.

2 Year Student Roadmap
This roadmap opens in a new tab. (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/extended-learning/ba-psychology/roadmap/)