Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

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The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology program offers a comprehensive introduction to the contemporary discipline of psychology. Graduates of this program are well prepared to seek employment in personnel, vocational counseling, criminal justice, journalism, or entry-level counseling in the context of a county-funded agency or hospital. They are also prepared to seek admission to graduate programs at the master’s or doctoral level.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

• Articulate major theories, concepts, and historical trends in psychology.
• Explain behavior, cognition, and emotion from multiple schools of thought and multicultural perspectives.
• Identify a problem in psychology, examine available evidence, analyze assumptions, and apply research methods to solve the problem. This includes the ability to interpret numbers and apply basic statistical procedures.
• Write papers in psychology using different literary formats, e.g., narrative, exposition, critical analysis, and APA format.
• Perform information searches relevant to psychology and organize and evaluate the soundness of the information.
• Use current technologies in both research and communication theories and systems

Degree Requirements

To receive a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree, students must complete at least 180 quarter units as articulated below, 76.5 of which must be completed at the upper-division level, 45 of which must be completed in residence at National University and a minimum 70.5 units of the University General Education requirements. The following courses are specific degree requirements. In the absence of transfer credit, students may need to take additional general electives to satisfy the total units for the degree. Students should refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures for specific information on admission and evaluation.

Portfolio

Students in the undergraduate psychology program will complete a portfolio. Each portfolio is comprised of specific artifacts completed and collected by the candidate via signature assignments throughout their program. The portfolio is submitted at the onset of Senior Project and is used to inform the candidate of their strengths and weaknesses upon entering the capstone course.

Preparation for the Major

(2 courses; 9 quarter units)

MTH 210* Probability and Statistics
Prerequisite: Accuplacer test placement evaluation, or MTH 12A, and MTH 12B

PSY 100* Introduction to Psychology

* May be used to meet a General Education requirement

Requirements for the Major

(10 courses; 45 quarter units)

PSY 426 History of Psychology
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101, and PSY 100

PSY 427 Biological Psychology
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101, and PSY 100

PSY 428 Developmental Psychology
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101, and PSY 100

PSY 429 Intro to Personality Theory
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101, and PSY 100

PSY 430 Intro to Psychopathology
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101, and PSY 100

PSY 432 Social Psychology
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101, and PSY 100

PSY 433 Cognitive Psychology
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101, and PSY 100

HUB 441 Research Design and Analysis
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101, MTH 210, and PSY 100

CHD 440 Drugs, Values and Society

PSY 480 Senior Project
Prerequisite: All other courses required for the major must be completed prior to enrolling in this course.

or

PSY 491 Guided Study for Honors Students (1.5 - 4.5 quarter units)
Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of core courses with a GPA of 3.75 or higher

Upper-Division Electives

(6 courses; 27 quarter units)

Students not pursuing a minor must choose six Upper-Division Electives from courses with the following prefixes: HUB, PSY, SOC, HRM, and CJA. Other electives must be approved by the department chair or regional full-time or associate faculty. Students may not take PSY 301 as an Upper-Division Elective.

The following course is strongly recommended:

PSY 441 Global Psychology
Prerequisite: PSY 100

Entire program can be completed online.

For more complete information, see the National University General Catalog 76, published 9/13