

PSYCHOLOGY, B.A.

Mission

The mission of the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (<https://www.biola.edu/degrees/u/psychology-ba/>) encompasses:

1. Training in psychology. The objective is to provide the foundations appropriate for further learning whether in graduate school, other vocational training, or in general living.
2. Promotion of investigation and integration of psychology and theology. Investigation and integration will take the form of incorporation of psychology and biblical training in the integration of faith, learning, and living.
3. Development and promotion of the use of the education in ministry and service. Ministry and service takes the form of active participation in the functions of the Christian and secular communities.

Degree Program

A Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology is offered upon completion of the University baccalaureate and major requirements. The psychology major requires the completion of a minimum of 45 credits, 24 of which must be upper-division.

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

The Psychology Department is committed to developing a program that will meet their Mission objectives through continuous assessment of student learning, course objectives and our program learning outcomes, listed below.

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology (ULO 1).
2. Demonstrate knowledge of and apply basic research methods in psychology, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation (ULO 1).
3. Demonstrate familiarity with the concept of integration of faith and learning, its benefits and challenges, and apply appropriate methods in producing integrative scholarship and skills (ULO 2).
4. Apply psychological principles and principles derived from the integration of faith and learning to service in their churches and communities (ULO 3).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information section (<https://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/#UniversityLearningOutcomes>) of this catalog.

Internal program assessment may include surveys, signature assignments, and a capstone course. External program assessment includes the ETS Major Field Test which is a graduation requirement. The Major Field Test is used to demonstrate achievement of our cognitive learning outcomes. Exams will be scored against national

norms and every year the psychology faculty will review exam results to determine program strengths and weaknesses.

Our students' Program Learning Outcome results are confidential. The results are not calculated into the student's GPA nor considered a part of the student's academic degree program. Program Learning Outcome results are used only to inform the University of student performance in designated fields so that areas for improvement can be identified within our Psychology program and/or courses.

Program Requirements

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Psychology majors meet the Core Curriculum requirements in behavioral science and mathematics within the major.		
Program Courses		
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology (prerequisite to all other Psychology courses for Psychology majors and minors) ¹	3
PSYC 206	Psychology and Christian Thought	3
PSYC 209	Statistics with Computer Applications	3
PSYC 211	Statistics with Computer Applications Lab	1
PSYC 305	Experimental Psychology	4
PSYC 309	Introduction to Psychopathology	3
PSYC 319	Cross-Cultural/Ethnic Issues in Psychology	3
or PSYC 330	Culture and Human Development	
or PSYC 345	Psychology of Gender	
PSYC 320	Developmental Psychology: Lifespan	3
PSYC 365	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC 405	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 410	Sensation and Perception	3
or PSYC 412	Physiological Psychology	
PSYC 411	Theories of Personality	3
PSYC 450	Directed Field Work in Psychology	1
or PSYC 480	Research in Psychology	
or PSYC 485	Advanced Research Lab	
or PSYC 455	Service Learning in Psychology	
Select 9 credits of Psychology electives from the following: ²		9
PSYC 303	Human Sexuality	
PSYC 306	Psychological Testing and Assessment	
PSYC 313	Psychology of Religious Experience	
PSYC 315	Industrial/Organizational Psychology	
PSYC 319	Cross-Cultural/Ethnic Issues in Psychology	
PSYC 325	Developmental Psychology: Childhood and Adolescence	
PSYC 330	Culture and Human Development	

PSYC 340	Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood
PSYC 345	Psychology of Gender
PSYC 370	Christian Perspectives on Marriage & Relationships
PSYC 410	Sensation and Perception
PSYC 412	Physiological Psychology
PSYC 414	Readings in Psychology
PSYC 418	Seminar in Therapeutic Techniques
PSYC 420	Advanced Statistics
PSYC 425	Psychology of Marriage and Family
PSYC 440	History and Systems of Psychology
PSYC 455	Service Learning in Psychology
PSYC 460	Studies in Psychology
PSYC 465	Positive Psychology
PSYC 470	Current Topics in Psychology
PSYC 480	Research in Psychology
PSYC 485	Advanced Research Lab
PSYC 490	Rosemead Special Programs

Program Course Requirements: 45 credits

Core Curriculum Requirements (<https://catalog.biola.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-core-curriculum-program/>) **68**

General Electives **7**

Total Credits **120**

¹ Fulfills the Behavioral Science Core Curriculum requirement.

² Approved transfer coursework may also fulfill this requirement.

Graduate Courses

Senior level undergraduate psychology majors may take certain graduate courses with permission. A permission request form may be obtained in the Psychology Department. It must be filled out and signed by the department chair, dean of Rosemead, and course instructor.

Code	Title	Credits
RSPY 502/PSYC 420	Advanced Statistics	3
RSPY 530/PSYC 440	History and Systems of Psychology	3

Course Sequence

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Taking coursework during the summer session may also be an option to accelerate your degree path.

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First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103	3 BBST 165	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3 BBST 210	3
GNST 102	1 HIST 100 or 101	3
KNES 107	1 PSYC 206	3
PSYC 200 (fulfills Behavioral Science Core Curriculum requirement)	3 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4	
15		16

Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 209	3 BBST 251	3
HIST 200, 201, or POSC 225	3 PSYC 305	4
PSYC 209	3 PSYC 320	3
PSYC 211	1 KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1
Communication (see Core Curriculum)	3 General Elective	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3	
16		14

Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 354	3 BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3
PSYC 309	3 BBST 365	3
PSYC 365	3 ENGL 313	3
Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)	3 PSYC 319, 330, or 345	3
Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3 PSYC 405	3
PSYC 450, 480, 455, or 485	1 Writing Competency Requirement (https://catalog.biola.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-requirements-policies/#WritingCompetencyRequiremer)	
		Graduation Application due in Registrar's Office
16		15

Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 465	3 BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3
PSYC 410 or 412	3 PSYC Elective (see list in catalog)	3
PSYC 411	3 PSYC Elective (see list in catalog)	3
PSYC Elective (see list in catalog)	3 General Elective	1
Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)	3 General Elective	3
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Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HNRS 101	4	HNRS 105	4
HNRS 102	4	HNRS 106	4
GNST 102	1	PSYC 206	3
PSYC 200	3	PSYC 209	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3	PSYC 211	1
	15		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HNRS 210	4	HNRS 230	4
HNRS 215	4	HNRS 231	4
PSYC 305	4	PSYC 320	3
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4	Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
	16		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HNRS 324	4	HNRS 337	4
HNRS 326	2	HNRS 339	2
KNES 107	1	PSYC 319, 330, or 345	3
PSYC 309	3	PSYC 405	3
PSYC 365	3	KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1
PSYC 450, 480, 455, or 485	1	General Elective	3
Writing Competency Requirement (https://catalog.biola.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-requirements-policies/#WritingCompetencyRequirement)			
	14		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HNRS 443	4	HNRS 458	4
BBST 465	3	HNRS 467	2
PSYC 410 or 412	3	PSYC Elective (see list in catalog)	3
PSYC 411	3	PSYC Elective (see list in catalog)	3
PSYC Elective (see list in catalog)	3	General Elective	1
	16		13

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Note: Psychology majors automatically meet the Core Math requirement within their major.