

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 42 credits beyond PSYC 200, 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 (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/>) section 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. If the Program Learning Outcome requirement has not been met by the conferral date, Biola will not issue final transcripts or a diploma until the assessment has been completed.

Requirements

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Program-Specific Core Curriculum Courses		
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology (prerequisite to all other Psychology courses for Psychology majors and minors)	
Psychology majors automatically meet the Core Math requirement within the major.		
Program Courses		
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 320	Developmental Psychology: Lifespan	3
PSYC 365	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC 411	Theories of Personality	3
PSYC 412	Physiological Psychology	3
PSYC 450	Directed Field Work in Psychology	1
or PSYC 480	Research in Psychology	
or PSYC 455	Service Learning in Psychology	
Select 18 credits of Psychology electives, 11 of which must be upper-division		18
PSYC 303	Human Sexuality	
PSYC 306	Psychological Testing and Assessment ¹	
PSYC 309	Abnormal Psychology ¹	
PSYC 313	Psychology of Religious Experience	
PSYC 315	Industrial/Organizational Psychology	
PSYC 317	Psychology of Marriage	
PSYC 319	Cross-Cultural/Ethnic Issues in Psychology	
PSYC 325	Developmental Psychology: Childhood and Adolescence	
PSYC 345	Psychology of Gender	
PSYC 355	Psychology of Family	
PSYC 405	Social Psychology ¹	

PSYC 414	Readings in Psychology	
PSYC 418	Seminar in Therapeutic Techniques	
PSYC 420	Advanced Statistics	
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 490	Rosemead Special Programs	
Total Credits		42

¹ Recommended course for students interested in graduate study.

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	2

Course Sequence

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

See Core Curriculum Program section (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/undergraduate-core-curriculum-program/>) for a list of approved Core Curriculum courses.

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First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BBST 165		3 BBST 103	3
PSYC 200 (required)		3 BBST 210	3
ENGL 100 or 112		3 PSYC 206	3
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)		4 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
KNES 107		1 HIST 100 or 101	3
GNST 102		1	
	15		16
Total Credits 31			

Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BBST 209		3 BBST 251	3
PSYC 209		3 PSYC 305	4
PSYC 211		1 PSYC Elective	3
Communication (see Core Curriculum)		3 General Elective	3

HIST 200, 201, or POSC 225		3 KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1
Science (see Core Curriculum)		3	
	16		14

Total Credits 30

Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BBST 354		3 BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3
PSYC 320		3 PSYC 365	3
PSYC Elective		3 PSYC Elective (upper-division)	3
Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)		3 PSYC Elective (upper-division)	3
Literature (see Core Curriculum)		3 ENGL 313	3
		Writing Competency Requirement	
		Graduation Petition due in Registrar's Office	
	15		15

Total Credits 30

Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BBST 365		3 BBST 465	3
PSYC 411		3 BBST 306, 316, 326, or 336	3
PSYC 412		3 PSYC Elective (upper-division)	3
PSYC 450, 455, or 480		1 PSYC Elective (upper-division)	3
Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3	
	16		15

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HNRS 101		4 HNRS 105	4
HNRS 102		4 HNRS 106	4
PSYC 200		3 PSYC 206	3
GNST 102		1 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
PSYC 365		3 PSYC 411	3
PSYC Elective		3 PSYC 450, 480, or 455	1
KNES 107		1 PSYC Elective	3
		ENGL 313	3
		KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1
	13		17
Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HNRS 443		4 HNRS 458	4
BBST 465		3 HNRS 467	2
PSYC 412		3 PSYC Elective (upper-division)	3
PSYC Elective (upper-division)		3 PSYC Elective (upper-division)	3
PSYC Elective (upper-division)		3 General Elective	1
	16		13
Total Credits 120			

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