

Psychology, B.A.

The B.A. in Psychology enables students to study human behavior. An understanding of psychological processes entails understanding the multiple influences created by the biological characteristics of the organism, the effects of learning and experience, social and cultural dynamics, and developmental change. As a scientific discipline, the study of psychology requires competence in research methodology and critical thinking. Psychology is also an applied discipline, with applications in behavioral and physical health, business, education, and law, among others. Students completing a major in psychology will be prepared to pursue a wide range of careers at the bachelor's level or to pursue advanced training in psychology or other professional schools (such as medicine and law). Students will attain a high-quality liberal arts degree focused on knowledge in the discipline of psychology, integrity in the application of that knowledge, effective project management, and excellent critical thinking and communication skills. The B.A. in Psychology is offered as a fully online program.

Program Requirements

In addition to the University's general requirements, students seeking the B.A. in Psychology must meet the requirements listed below.

A minimum grade of "C" is required for PSY 2012 General Psychology, PSY 2023 Professional Development in Psychology, STA 2023 Elements of Statistics, 1000/2000 level Psychology elective, PSY 3213 Research Methods in Psychological Science I, PSY 4930 Capstone in Psychology: Special Topics, and for one course in each of the Social, Learning and Cognition, Biological, Developmental, Clinical and Workplace cognate areas. No more than 6 semester hours (sh) in informal courses (directed study, practicum, fieldwork, co-op, etc.) may be applied to fulfill the upper-level Psychology degree requirements.

Students should consult with their academic advisor for courses which may satisfy both the General Education requirements and common prerequisites.

In addition to the [General Education](#) requirements, students must satisfy all additional State of Florida requirements, including the [College-Level Communication and Computation](#), [Civic Literacy](#), and [Foreign Language](#) requirements. With appropriate planning and coordination with an academic advisor, students may satisfy some of the general University requirements through the General Education curriculum. For a complete listing of general degree requirements, refer to the [State University Requirements](#) and [Degree Requirements](#) sections of this catalog.

Students should take STA 2023 Elements of Statistics to partially fulfill the mathematics component of General Education.

Mathematics Pathway

Students are advised to complete the following courses to fulfill the mathematics pathway that aligns with the mathematics skills needed for success in their program and their career goals. Students should refer to their academic advisor for questions about the math pathway for their program. For information about this requirement, refer to the [Mathematics Pathways catalog page](#). These courses may also fulfill requirements for General Education and Common Prerequisites.

Statistical Reasoning

STA 2023	Elements of Statistics	3
MGF 1130	Mathematical Thinking	3

or MAC 1105 College Algebra
or MAC 1105CCollege Algebra with Lab

Common Prerequisites

State-mandated common prerequisites must be completed prior to graduation, but are not required for admission to the program. See the [Common Prerequisites Manual](#) for course substitutions from Florida colleges and universities.

PSY 2012	General Psychology *	3
STA 2023	Elements of Statistics *	3
Any 1000 or 2000 level Psychology course **		3
BSC 1005	General Biology for Non-Majors *	3
Total Hours		12

* Common prerequisites which can be used to satisfy General Education requirements.

** CLP, DEP, EAB, EXP, INP, PCO, PPE, PSB, PSY, SOP courses.

Lower Division Electives

Students must complete sufficient 1000/2000 level electives 12-24 to satisfy at least 60 semester hours in the lower division. Current UWF students may use elective courses at any level (1000-4000) to meet this elective requirement.

Upper Division Electives

Students must complete sufficient 3000/4000 level electives 18-21 to meet UWF's requirement of 48 semester hours in the upper division or complete all major requirements at the 3000/4000 level, whichever is greater.

Major Related

If not completed at the lower division or as part of General Education: 0-3

STA 2023	Elements of Statistics
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Major

PSY 3213	Research Methods in Psychological Science I ⁺	3
PSY 2023	Professional Development in Psychology ⁺	3
PSY 4930	Capstone in Psychology: Special Topics ⁺	3
Social:		3
SOP 3004	Social Psychology ⁺	
Learning and Cognition (one of the following):		3
EXP 4404	Psychology of Learning ⁺	
EXP 4507	Memory and Cognition ⁺	
Biological (one of the following):		3
EXP 4204	Sensation and Perception ⁺	
PSB 4002	Brain, Behavior, and Experience ⁺	
Developmental (one of the following):		3
DEP 3103	Child Development ⁺	
DEP 4305	Psychology of Adolescence ⁺	
DEP 4404	Adulthood and Aging ⁺	
Application of Psychology: Clinical/Counseling (one of the following):		3
CLP 3144	Abnormal Psychology ⁺	

CLP 4314	Health Psychology ⁺	
PPE 4003	Theories of Personality ⁺	
PSB 4731	Psychobiology of Sexual Behavior ⁺	
PSY 4302	Psychology of Assessment ⁺	
Applications of Psychology: Workplace (one of the following):		3
EXP 4250	Human Factors Psychology ⁺	
INP 3004	Industrial & Organizational Psychology ⁺	
INP 4224	Psychology of Workforce Diversity ⁺	
INP 4380	Psychology of Teamwork ⁺	
3000/4000 level Psychology Electives ^{**} , ⁺		12
Total Hours		39

^{**} CLP, CYP, DEP, EAB, EXP, INP, PCO, PPE, PSB, PSY, SOP courses.

⁺ Courses included in the major GPA.

Psychology Minors and Certificates

The Psychology department offers minors and certificates in:

- [Psychology Minor](#)
- [Sport and Exercise Psychology Minor](#)
- [Work & Organizational Psychology Certificate](#)