

Psychology BA at a Glance



Program Overview:

The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology offers training in how to understand human behavior using scientifically rigorous methods. It reflects current trends in the field of psychology through its emphasis on the science of psychology (integrated via the research sequence) and through the inclusion of recent trends in psychological theory and practice (such as child psychopathology, environmental psychology, and legal psychology). Students have a variety of opportunities to become directly involved in ongoing research, participate in our active student organizations, and conduct their own studies through our research labs.

Many pursue the B.A. in Psychology in preparation for graduate or professional training in psychology, social work, education, law, medicine, business, and other disciplines. Students also obtain the B.A. in Psychology to prepare for work in paraprofessional jobs under the direction of licensed or certified professionals. The department also offers MS and PhD degrees in a variety of Psychology areas.

Prerequisites

- Introduction to Psychology: PSY 2012
- Another lower division (1000/2000 level) psychology course
- Introduction to Statistics I: STA 2122 or STA 3111 (in other Florida institutions STA 2023)
- Human Biology: BSC 2023 (recommended), BSC 1005, BSC 2010, BSC 2011, BSC 2085, or BSC 2086

Students can opt to select specialized coursework towards:

- Track in Industrial-Organization Psychology
- Verified Course Sequence in Behavior Analysis

Recommended Minors, Certificates, or Second Majors:

- Women's Studies double major
- Women's and Gender Studies or Queer Studies certificates
- Social Work minor in Social Welfare (min GPA 2.75)
- Criminal Justice minor
- Pre-OT or Pre-PT certificates

Advising Contact Information:

Center for Advising & Student Success
MMC: ZEB 210 | (305) 348-2978
BBC: AC1 300 | (305) 919-5859

Career Opportunities (some may require postgraduate education):

- Psychology
 - Teaching and Research
 - Government Agencies
 - Pharmaceutical Research and/or Testing: Psychometrist/Clinician
 - Applied Work
 - Industrial-Organizational Psychology
 - Clinical Psychology
 - Counseling Psychology
 - Forensic/Legal Psychology
 - Health Psychology
 - Sport Psychology
 - Behavior Analysis
 - Psychiatry
- Education
 - Agency/Community Counseling
 - School Counseling
 - School Psychologist
- Business
 - Marketing
 - Sales
 - Human Resources
- Social Work
- Non-Profit Sector

Helpful Links:

Department Website: <http://psychology.fiu.edu>

American Psychological Association: <http://www.apa.org/>

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology: <https://www.siop.org/>

Behavior Analyst Certification Board: <https://www.bacb.com/>

Psi Chi Psychology National Honor Society: <https://www.psichifiu.com/>

CASE Advising Website: <http://caseadvising.fiu.edu>

College Requirements:

- *All majors in the college must complete 45 credits of upper division prior to graduation. Upper division courses are 3000/4000 level courses, major courses and outside electives can count towards this requirement.*
- *Physical activity courses taken for 1 or 2 credits DO NOT count towards the 120 credits needed for graduation.*