Program Overview

The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology combines a theoretical understanding of psychology with an applied understanding of the profession through internship and research experiences. Students select between four areas of undergraduate emphasis: General Psychology, Child and Adolescent Psychology, Addiction Prevention Specialist/Community Psychology, and Experimental Psychology. Several research opportunities are available to students who elect to participate in undergraduate scholarship. Internships in students’ area of interest are available.

Career Opportunities

Psychology graduates are well-represented in social agencies and diverse business settings, including human resources, insurance, airline industry, and governmental organizations. Students who demonstrate an aptitude in empirical research during their undergraduate work can work in a variety of research foundations and institutional settings. Graduates also work with child and adolescent populations through professional work in juvenile services, child care, child and family services, adoptions, education, medicine, and mental health.

Students interested in graduate work can pursue advanced training in several areas. Students with high GPAs, good letters of recommendation, and solid GRE scores are competitive for graduate school programs in psychology, counseling, and social work. Students who gain research experiences and complete methodology courses are competitive for research-oriented and clinical graduate programs.

Majors are well-represented in law schools and medical schools. In order to compete for law or medical school programs, students must complete appropriate prelaw or pre-medicine curricula in addition to their Psychology major requirements.

Faculty

Dr. Stefanie S. Boswell, Associate Professor (Ph.D., University of Southern Mississippi)
Dr. Maria Felix-Ortiz, Associate Professor (Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles)
Dr. Lisa Lockhart, Associate Professor and Chair (Ph.D., Kent State University)
Dr. Teresa Taylor-Partridge, Associate Professor (Ph.D., University of Texas, Austin)
Dr. Rachel Walker (Ph.D., University of Southern Mississippi)

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**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**2015-2017**

### Freshman Year: Fall

- DWHP 1200 or DWHP 3200 Dimensions of Wellness and 1-hour physical activity course  
  Hrs.: 3
- ENGL 1311 (or 1311L) Composition I  
  Hrs.: 3
- MATH 1304 College Algebra OR MATH 2303 Introduction to Probability and Statistics  
  Hrs.: 3
- PHIL 1381 Introduction to Philosophy  
  Hrs.: 3
- PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology  
  Hrs.: 3
- Total hours: 15

### Freshman Year: Spring

- ENGL 1312 Composition II  
  Hrs.: 3
- Natural Science and Lab Core: BIOL 1401 Diversity of Life and Lab OR BIOL 1402 Unity of Life and Lab OR BIOL 2321/2121 Anatomy and Physiology and Lab  
  Hrs.: 4
- PSYC 2310 Critical Thinking / Writing in Psychology  
  Hrs.: 3
- PSYC 2370 Child & Adolescent Development  
  Hrs.: 3
- RELS 1305, 1315, 1325, 1335 or 1327H  
  Hrs.: 3
- Total hours: 16

### Sophomore Year: Fall

- PSYC 2380 Biology and Behavior  
  Hrs.: 3
- PSYC 3331 Abnormal Psychology  
  Hrs.: 3
- PSYC 3381 Statistics for Behavioral Science  
  Hrs.: 3
- Modern Language I  
  Hrs.: 3
- Minor or Elective  
  Hrs.: 3
- Total hours: 15

### Sophomore Year: Spring

- ENGL 2310 World Literature Studies  
  Hrs.: 3
- Modern Language II  
  Hrs.: 3
- PSYC 3353 Personality  
  Hrs.: 3
- PSYC 3384 Research Methods  
  Hrs.: 3
- Elective  
  Hrs.: 3
- Total hours: 15

### Junior Year: Fall

- HIST Core—HIST 1311 World History OR HIST 1312 World History II  
  Hrs.: 3
- PSYC 3351 Social Psychology  
  Hrs.: 3
- PSYC 3385 Multicultural Issues  
  Hrs.: 3
- PSYC 3472 Learning, Memory, and Cognition  
  Hrs.: 4
- Minor or Elective (upper-division)  
  Hrs.: 3
- Total hours: 16

### Junior Year: Spring

- Fine Arts Core  
  Hrs.: 3
- PSYC Elective  
  Hrs.: 6
- Minor or Elective  
  Hrs.: 3
- Minor or Elective (upper-division)  
  Hrs.: 3
- Total hours: 15

### Senior Year: Fall

- PSYC 4359 Directed Practicum/Internship  
  Hrs.: 3
- RELS or PHIL Core: Any 3-hr upper-division REL or PHIL course  
  Hrs.: 3
- Elective  
  Hrs.: 9
- Total hours: 15

### Senior Year: Spring

- PSYC 4331 History of Psychology  
  Hrs.: 3
- PSYC Elective (upper-division)  
  Hrs.: 3
- Elective (NOTE: Student may take 7-9 hours to complete this portion of the degree plan)  
  Hrs.: 9
- Total hours: 15

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**Core Curriculum - Total Hours**: 43  
**Major - Total Hours**: 82  
**Degree - Total Hours**: 122  

*Minor is required*