

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology: General

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Psychology in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) at the University of the Incarnate Word prepares students for advanced training and future careers as psychologists and other behavioral scientists. The B.A. in Psychology is a 120-hour degree program that is consistent with national standards and includes a service-learning component. Through the completion of this program and participation in additional opportunities afforded to Psychology students at UIW, graduates will have a variety of options for careers or postgraduate pursuits. The current curriculum reflects up-to-date training and content standards.

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes in humans and nonhuman animals. Students majoring in psychology learn how thought, emotion and other behaviors are influenced by perception, motivation, heredity, language, learning, culture and environment. Psychology majors use scientific methods of inquiry to address research questions, to provide service aiming to understand bio-psycho-social influences on behavior, and to promote social justice. Psychology majors develop competence in an area of interest through advanced elective courses in the major, internship, and conducting research.

In addition to core courses in psychology, students select from: 1) General Psychology with the addition of a minor, major or interdisciplinary concentration in neuroscience; or 2) Addiction Prevention. Students can also consult with their faculty advisor to design a degree emphasis on child or human development, social psychology, or animal behavior and cognition.

QUICK FACTS

- UIW Psychology supports three student organizations: Psi Chi, the international honor society; Psychological Society, the service organization; and NAMI on Campus, an organization that does peer outreach and education about mental illness.
- UIW Psychology has internship relationships with over 40 different community partners. This offers opportunities to learn about anything from animal care and equitherapy (horse-assisted therapy) to drug abuse treatment and psychology's role in policy-making.
- UIW Psychology offers bi-annual study-abroad experiences to Europe or Mexico with psychology faculty members during the summer.
- Many Psychology courses include service learning for students to develop new skills and apply theory as they provide service to those in need and accrue community service hours towards the requirement for graduation.
- Psychology majors conducting research can earn credit hours towards the degree and can obtain department funding to present their research at academic conferences.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for admission to the B.A. in Psychology program are the same as the requirements for admission to the University of the Incarnate Word.

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DEGREE PLAN

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall

ENGL 1311 (or 1311L): Composition I (3 hours)
MATH 1304: College Algebra or MATH 2303:
Introduction to Probability and Statistics (3 hours)
Fine Arts Core (3 hours)
PHIL 1381: Introduction to Philosophy (3 hours)
PSYC 1301: Introduction to Psychology (3 hours) or
PSYC 1301H: Introduction to Psychology-Honors
(3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

Spring

ENGL 1312: Composition II (3 hours)
Natural Science and Lab Core: BIOL 1401
Diversity of Life, or BIOL 1402 Unity of Life, or
BIOL 2321/2121: Anatomy and Physiology/Lab
(4 hours)
RELS 1305, 1315, 1325, 1335 or 1327H (3 hours)
DWHP 1200: Dimensions of Wellness (2 hours) and
Physical Education (1 hour)
PSYC 3381: Statistics in Psychology (3 hours)

Total Hours: 16

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall

Modern Language I (3 hours)
ENGL 2310: World Literature Studies (3 hours)
Any 3000-level REL or PHIL course (3 hours)
Course in the minor, other major, or an elective (3 hours)
PSYC 3384: Research Methods I (3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

Spring

Modern Language II (3 hours)
HIST 1311: World History I or HIST 1312: World
History II (3 hours)
Course in the minor, other major, or an elective
(3 hours)
PSYC 2380: Biology and Behavior (3 hours)
PSYC 3387: Research Methods II (3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall

PSYC 3353: Personality or PSYC 3331: Abnormal
Psychology (3 hours)
PSYC Development or Social Influences course (3 hours)
PSYC elective (3 hours)
Course in the minor, other major, or an elective (3 hours)
Course in the minor, other major, or an elective (3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

Spring

PSYC Development or Social Influences course (3
hours)
PSYC elective (3 hours)
Advanced Course in Psychology (3 hours)
Course in the minor, other major, or an elective
(3 hours)
Course in the minor, other major, or an elective
(3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

SENIOR YEAR

Fall

PSYC elective (3 hours)
Advanced Course in Psychology (3 hours)
Course in the minor, other major, or an elective (3
hours)
Course in the minor, other major, or an elective (3
hours)
Course in the minor, other major, or an elective (3
hours)

Total Hours: 15

Spring

PSYC 4331 History of Psychology (3 hours)
Course in the minor, other major or an elective (3
hours)
Course in the minor, other major, or an elective (3
hours)
Course in the minor, other major, or an elective (3
hours)
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hours)

Total Hours: 15

An interdisciplinary concentration in neuroscience can substitute for the required minor.

A minimum of 120 hours need to complete the B.A. in Psychology.

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