

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

(Currently Not Accepting Enrollments)

Description and Outcomes

Effective November 11, 2015, this program will no longer be accepting enrollments or reentries. An alternative program may be available/recommended. Check with an Admissions Advisor.

A Bachelor of Science in Psychology may prepare you to pursue career opportunities in various fields where you may implement your psychological knowledge, skills, and values. In addition, the program may prepare you for graduate work to pursue more specialized careers. The program's curriculum is designed to provide you with content knowledge of the major concepts, values, theories, psychological studies, research methods, and historical trends in psychology as they apply to human behavior, learning, and development. You will study how psychology relates to your everyday life and the importance of culture and diversity. Courses are designed to help you develop and use psychological skills, critical thinking, and the scientific approach to problem solving to evaluate behavior and mental processes while applying psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues.

Emphasis Areas

Four emphasis area options are available within the Bachelor of Science in Psychology program. The child development emphasis area provides exploration of behavioral development from birth to adolescence and is designed to prepare you to pursue a career in early childhood education, human services, and community work. The applied behavior analysis emphasis area provides an examination of the design, analysis, and application of learning theories and behavioral principles, and is designed to prepare you to pursue careers working with children and adults in schools and other organizational settings. The industrial/organizational psychology emphasis area helps prepare you to become skilled in the psychology of behavior and attitudes, and is designed to help you pursue a career working to improve the performance, satisfaction, and well-being of employees by applying psychology-related strategies in various work settings. Finally, the addictions emphasis area provides an investigation of substance abuse in our society, including risk factors, prevention, evaluation, and treatment, and is designed to prepare you to pursue careers in clinical and educational settings working with youth and adults.

Accelerated Master's Degree Option

If you are interested in earning a master's degree in human services, legal studies, psychology, or public administration, consider an accelerated master's degree option. Refer to the Progression Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/>) section for details.

Program Length

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a bachelor of science degree.

Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Knowledge Base: Demonstrate knowledge of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, enduring conflicts, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.
2. Research Methods: Apply basic methodology in psychology including research design, data analysis, and the interpretation and evaluation of findings.
3. Critical Thinking Skills: Use analytical thinking, skeptical inquiry, and the scientific approach in solving problems related to behavior and mental processes.
4. Application: Apply the appropriate psychological principles, theories, and concepts to personal, social, and organizational issues and problems.
5. Values in Psychology: Demonstrate an understanding of the underlying ethical standards, values, and considerations in theory and practice in the disciplines of psychology.
6. Information and Technological Skills: Use contemporary tools and technologies to communicate psychological principles and concepts effectively in diverse social and professional settings.
7. Global Awareness: Demonstrate an understanding of how academic and applied psychology can improve interpersonal relationships across cultural and national boundaries.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/>) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

Policies

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not reviewed the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions, nor intended the program to meet such requirements. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board[®], Inc. (BACB[®]) has verified the Purdue Global course sequence as meeting the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst[®] Examination.


To become certified, you will need to obtain the necessary number of hours of field experience under an appropriate supervisor, as required by the BACB, meet additional degree and practicum requirements, and must also pass the comprehensive exam.

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board can be contacted at:

8051 Shaffer Parkway
Littleton, CO 80127
Tel: 720.438.4321











The professional practice of psychology is regulated by each state, and the degree requirements in Purdue Global's Bachelor of Science in Psychology program do not guarantee or prepare graduates for state licensure.









Degree Plan

The  icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course

Types (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/>) for information about module courses.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
CM107	 College Composition I	5
CM220	 College Composition II	5
CS204	 Professionalism - Theory and Practice in the Global Workplace	3
Mathematics (select one of the following):		5
MM150	 Survey of Mathematics	
MM212	 College Algebra	
Arts and Humanities (select one of the following):		5
HU200	 Arts and Humanities - Modern Creative Expressions	
HU245	 Ethics	
HU250	 Humanities and Culture	
Science (select one of the following):		5
SC200	 Discovering Science - Current Issues in a Changing World	
SC235	 Human Biology	

SC246	 Fundamentals of Microbiology	
SC250	 Fundamentals of Science	
Social Science (select one of the following):		5
SS236	 American Government	
SS250	 Technology and Society	
Total Core Requirements		33
Major Requirements		
CM206	 Interpersonal Communications	5
MM207	 Statistics	5
PS115	Psychology Program and Profession	5
PS124	 Introduction to Psychology	5
PS200	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	5
PS210	History of Psychology	5
PS220	Child and Adolescent Psychology	5
SC235	 Human Biology	5
PS300	Research Methods I	6
PS330	Personality Development	6
PS380	Clinical Psychology	6
300/400 Level	Emphasis Area Courses (see below)	24
PS499	Bachelor's Capstone in Psychology	6
Total Major Requirements		88
Open Elective Requirements		
Open Electives ¹		59
Total Open Elective Requirements		59
TOTAL CREDITS		180

¹ Eligible students who choose to complete the accelerated master's degree option will take four graduate-level courses in addition to selected undergraduate electives.

Emphasis Area Requirements

Emphasis area courses are completed within the major requirements of the degree plan.

Students in this program are required to select an emphasis area.

Additions

Code	Title	Credits
PS370	Health Psychology	6
PS375	Psychology of Addiction	6
PS450	Case Management in Clinical Settings	6
PS452	Psychopharmacology of Alcohol and Drugs	6
TOTAL CREDITS		24

Applied Behavior Analysis

Code	Title	Credits
PS410	Screening and Assessment	6
PS340	Exceptional Needs Children	6
PS360	Applied Behavior Analysis I	6
PS365	Applied Behavior Analysis II	6
PS430	Program Design and Evaluation	6
TOTAL CREDITS		30

PS410 Screening and Assessment will replace PS380 Clinical Psychology in the Major Requirements.

Child Development

Code	Title	Credits
PS340	Exceptional Needs Children	6
PS345	Language and Speech Development and Disorders	6
PS350	Working With Children in a Diverse World	6
PS420	Social Relationships in Childhood	6
TOTAL CREDITS		24

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Code	Title	Credits
PS390	Introduction to Industrial/Organizational Psychology	6
PS391	Psychology of Leadership	6
PS392	Attitudes and Motivation in the Workplace	6
PS451	Selection and Assessment in Organizations	6
TOTAL CREDITS		24

Emphasis area is not available in Tennessee.