

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

Description and Outcomes

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology program 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. This degree will prepare you to pursue career opportunities in various fields where you may implement your psychological knowledge, skills, and values. The program may prepare you for graduate work to pursue more specialized careers. You will study how psychology relates to 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.

Concentration

You can personalize your degree with a concentration in business foundations. The business foundations concentration will allow you to gain competencies in the fundamental concepts of business administration. You will develop an understanding of the four functions of management, the components of a marketing strategy, and the financial performance of an organization.

Graduate Program Pathways

If you are interested in earning both a bachelor's and master's degree, consider a graduate program pathway (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/graduate-program-pathways/>).

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: Explain 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: Analyze 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: Describe 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


Certification and licensure boards have state-specific educational requirements for programs that lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/>) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

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, and meeting other certification requirements.

The professional practice of psychology is regulated by each state, and the degree requirements in Purdue Global's Bachelor of Science in Psychology does not guarantee or prepare you for state licensure in any state upon graduation.

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
CS212	🌐 Communicating Professionalism	5
MM207	🌐 Statistics	5
PS124	🌐 Introduction to Psychology	5
PS220	Child and Adolescent Psychology	5
100/200 Level	Arts and Humanities Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Social Science Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Science Requirement ¹	5
Total Core Requirements		45
Major Requirements		
CM206	Interpersonal Communication ²	5
PS115	Psychology Program and Profession ²	5
PS200	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology ²	5
PS210	History of Psychology ²	5
PS215	Neuroscience ²	5
HN365	Psychology of Aging	6
HW410	Stress - Critical Issues in Management and Prevention	6
PS300	Research Methods I	6
PS311	Ethical Practice in a Diverse World	6
PS330	Personality Development	6
PS370	Health Psychology	6
PS380	Clinical Psychology	6
PS440	Psychopathology	6
PS450	Case Management in Clinical Settings	6
PS499	Bachelor's Capstone in Psychology	6
Total Major Requirements		85
Open Elective Requirements		
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TOTAL CREDITS		180

¹ For options to fulfill this requirement, see the corresponding literacy in General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/>).

² These degree requirements can be waived for students who are eligible for advanced start credit with a prior degree. See Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/>) for details.

Concentration Requirements

Concentration courses are completed within the open electives requirement of the degree plan.

Students in this program are not required to select a concentration.

Business Foundations

Code	Title	Credits
AC112	Accounting Fundamentals for Management	5
MT140	🌐 Introduction to Management	5
MT203	🌐 Human Resource Management	5
MT219	🌐 Marketing	5
TOTAL CREDITS		20