

BS PSYCHOLOGY

Program Learning Objectives

1. Students completing foundation courses should demonstrate breadth of knowledge and application of psychological ideas to “real-world” problems; Students completing a baccalaureate degree should show depth in their knowledge and application of psychological concepts and frameworks to complex problems. These include: a) understanding of how personality, culture, social context, and intergroup dynamics explain behavior; b) understanding cognitive and perceptual processes and their biological foundations and; c) knowledge of mental and physical health and illness.
2. Students should be able to understand scientific principles, think critically, and interpret, design, and conduct psychological research.
3. Students will develop *intrapersonal* knowledge and *interpersonal* skills to contribute to building a society responsive to multicultural and global concerns.
4. Students should demonstrate competence in writing and in oral and interpersonal communication skills.
5. Students will develop skills and experience to enable them to succeed personally and professionally.

Degree Requirements and Curriculum

In addition to the program requirements listed on this page, students must also satisfy requirements outlined in more detail in the Minimum Requirements for Graduation (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/generalrequirementsbachelorsdegree/#generaleducationtext>) section of this catalog, including:

- 60 units of upper-division courses
- Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR)
- 2.0 GPA
- U.S. Cultural Pluralism (USCP)

Note: No Major or Support courses may be selected as credit/no credit.

MAJOR COURSES

PSY 102	Orientation to the Psychology Major	2
or CD 102	Orientation to the Child Development Major	
Select from the following (E): ¹		4
PSY 201	General Psychology	
PSY 202	General Psychology	
PSY 252	Social Psychology	4
PSY/CD 256	Developmental Psychology	4
PSY 323	The Helping Relationship	4
PSY 329	Research Methods in Psychology	4
PSY 333	Quantitative Research Methods for the Behavioral Sciences	4
PSY 340	Biopsychology (Upper-Division B) ¹	4
PSY 372	Multicultural Psychology (USCP)	4

Biological and Cognitive

Select from the following:		8
PSY 330	Behavioral Effects of Psychoactive Drugs	

PSY 357	Cognition	
PSY 430	Sensation and Perception	
PSY 440	Memory	
PSY 458	Learning	
PSY 480	Cognitive Neuroscience	

Social and Personality

Select from the following:		8
PSY 302	Behavior in Organizations	
PSY 305	Personality	
PSY 350	Teamwork	
PSY 352	Conflict Resolution: Violent and Nonviolent	
PSY 360	Applied Social Psychology	
PSY 465	Cross-Cultural International Psychology	
PSY 475	The Social Psychology of Prejudice	

Mental and Physical Health

Select from the following:		8
PSY 318	Psychology of Aging	
PSY 320	Health Psychology	
PSY 325	Introduction to Positive Psychology	
PSY 370	Introduction to Clinical and Counseling Psychology	
PSY 375	Forensic Psychology	
PSY 405	Abnormal Psychology	
PSY/CD 460	Child Abuse and Neglect	

Supervised Fieldwork and/or Research Internship

Select from the following:		10
PSY 448	Research Internship I	
PSY 449	Research Internship II	
PSY 453	Supervised Fieldwork I	
PSY 454	Supervised Field Work II	
PSY 461	Senior Project Seminar	2
PSY 462	Senior Project	2
PSY electives (300-400 level) ²		12

SUPPORT COURSES

Select from the following (B2): ¹		4
ASCI 112	Principles of Animal Science	
BIO 111	General Biology	
BIO 123	Biology of Sex	
BIO 161	Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology	
Select from the following (GE Electives): ¹		4
BIO 302	Human Genetics	
PSY 344	Behavioral Genetics	
STAT 217	Introduction to Statistical Concepts and Methods (B4) ¹	4
Select from the following:		4
CD 424	Children's Development in Diverse Cultures	
ES 320	African Americans in Popular Culture	
ES 321	Native Americans in Popular Culture	
ES 322	Asian Americans in Popular Culture	

ES 323	Latina/os in Popular Culture	
ES/WGQS 350	Gender, Race, Culture, Science & Technology	
ES 380	Critical Race Theory	
ES 381	The Social Construction of Whiteness	
PSY 260	African American Psychology	
PSY 304	Intergroup Dialogues	
PSY/WGQS 324	Psychology of Gender	
WGQS 301	Contemporary Issues in Women's and Gender Studies	
WGQS 320	Women, Gender and Sexuality in Global Perspective	
WGQS 340	Sexuality Studies	
WGQS/RELS 370	Religion, Gender, and Society	
GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)		
(See GE program requirements below.)		52
FREE ELECTIVES		
Free Electives ³		28
Total units		180

¹ Required in Major or Support; also satisfies General Education (GE) requirement.

² Any 300-400 level course not already used to satisfy Major requirements listed above.

³ If a General Education (GE) course is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.

General Education (GE) Requirements

- 72 units required, 20 of which are specified in Major and/or Support.
- If any of the remaining 52 units is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.
- See the complete GE course listing (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/generalrequirementsbachelorsdegree/#generaleducationtext>).
- A grade of C- or better is required in one course in each of the following GE Areas: A1 (Oral Communication), A2 (Written Communication), A3 (Critical Thinking), and B4 (Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning).

Area A	English Language Communication and Critical Thinking	
A1	Oral Communication	4
A2	Written Communication	4
A3	Critical Thinking	4
Area B	Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning	
B1	Physical Science	4
B2	Life Science (4 units in Support) ¹	0
B3	One lab taken with either a B1 or B2 course	
B4	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (4 units in Support) ¹	0
Upper-Division B (4 units in Major) ¹		0
Area C	Arts and Humanities	

Lower-division courses in Area C must come from three different subject prefixes.

C1	Arts: Arts, Cinema, Dance, Music, Theater	4
C2	Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, Languages other than English	4
Lower-Division C Elective - Select a course from either C1 or C2		4
Upper-Division C		4
Area D	Social Sciences - Select courses in Area D from at least two different prefixes	
D1	American Institutions (Title 5, Section 40404 Requirement)	4
D2	Lower-Division D	4
Upper-Division D		4
Area E	Lifelong Learning and Self-Development	
Lower-Division E (4 units in Major) ¹		0
Area F	Ethnic Studies	
F	Ethnic Studies	4
GE Electives in Areas B, C, and D		
Select courses from two different areas; may be lower-division or upper-division courses.		
GE Electives (4 units in Support plus 4 units in GE) ¹		4
Total units		52

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