

PSYCHOLOGY (BS)

Offered at: San Luis Obispo Campus

The Psychology major offers a broad preparation in the science of psychology. Theoretical approaches, research techniques, laboratory experiences and internships are hallmarks of the psychology program.

Graduates often pursue careers in mental health, social services, public health, education, and personnel-related settings. Many majors go on to graduate work in such fields of psychology as: counseling, developmental, family, social, clinical or experimental.

Students may pursue a course of study which meets their individual needs and interests. Electives are selected by the student with the advice of the student's academic advisor.

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/academic-standards-policies/general-requirements-bachelors-degree/#generaleducationtext>) section of this catalog, including:

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

Note: No Major or Support courses may be selected as credit/no credit. In addition, no more than 12 units of cooperative or internship courses can count towards your degree requirements.

Code	Title	Units
MAJOR COURSES		
PSY 1102	Orientation to the Psychology Major	2
PSY 2201	Introductory Psychology (4B) ¹	3
PSY/CD 2229	Research Methods in Psychology	3
PSY 2240	Biopsychology (5B) ¹	3
PSY 3333	Advanced Research Methods	4
PSY 3372	Multicultural Psychology	4
PSY 4461	Senior Project Seminar	2
PSY 4462	Senior Project	2
Foundation		
Select from the following:		3
PSY 2205	Personality	
PSY 2252	Social Psychology	
PSY/CD 2256	Developmental Psychology	
Cognitive		
Select from the following:		4
PSY 3357	Cognition	
PSY 4430	Sensation and Perception	

PSY 4440	Learning and Memory	
PSY 4480	Cognitive Neuroscience	
Mental and Physical Health		
Select from the following:		4
PSY 3320	Health Psychology	
PSY/CD 3356	Child and Adolescent Mental Health	
PSY 3370	Introduction to Clinical and Counseling Psychology	
PSY 4405	Adult Mental Health and Psychopathology	
PSY/CD 4460	Child Abuse and Neglect	
Social and Personality		
Select from the following:		4
PSY 3302	Organizational Behavior	
PSY/WGQS 3324	Psychology of Gender	
PSY 3352	Psychology of Conflict and Justice	
PSY 3360	Applied Social Psychology	
PSY 4419	Applied Personality	
PSY 4465	Cross-Cultural International Psychology	
PSY 4475	The Social Psychology of Prejudice	
Internships		
Select from the following:		6
PSY 4448	Research Internship I	
PSY 4449	Research Internship II	
PSY 4453	Supervised Fieldwork Internship I	
PSY 4454	Supervised Fieldwork Internship II	
Approved Electives		
Select any 3000-4000 level PSY courses		8
SUPPORT COURSES		
STAT 1110	Applied Statistical Concepts and Methods (2) ¹	3
Professional Skills		
Select from the following:		3-4
COMS 3316	Intercultural Communication	
COMS 3320	Intergroup Communication	
PSY 3304	Intergroup Dialogues	
PSY 3323	The Helping Relationship	
PSY 3350	Teamwork	
Upper-Division Science		
Select from the following: (Upper-Division 2/5) ¹		3-4
BIO 3312	Human Genetics	
ES/WGQS 3350	Gender, Race, Culture, Science, and Technology	
FSN 3305	Nutrition and Exercise for Health and Disease Prevention	
ISLA 3305	Public Engagements with STEM	
IME 3320	Human Factors and Technology	
NR 3310	Global Climate Change	
PSY 3344	Behavioral Genetics	
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion		
Select from the following: (Upper-Division 4) ¹		3-4
ES 3380	Critical Race Theory	
ES/WGQS 3351	Gender, Race, Class, Nation: Critical Computing and Engineering Studies	
ES 3381	Social Constructions of Whiteness	
PSY 3304	Intergroup Dialogues	
WGQS 3301	Contemporary Issues in Women's and Gender Studies	
WGQS 3330	Feminist/Queer Transnational Studies	

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)

(See GE program requirements below) 28
FREE ELECTIVES

Free Electives ² 26-28
Total Units **120**
¹ Required in Major or Support; also satisfies General Education (GE) requirement.

² 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

- 43 units required, 15 of which are specified in Major and/or Support.
- If any of the remaining 28 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/academic-standards-policies/general-requirements-bachelors-degree/#generaleducationtext>).
- A grade of C- or better is required in one course in each of the following GE Areas: 1A (English Composition), 1B (Critical Thinking), 1C (Oral Communication), and 2 (Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning).

Lower-Division General Education

Area 1	English Communication and Critical Thinking	
1A	Written Communication	3
1B	Critical Thinking	3
1C	Oral Communication	3
Area 2	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning	
2	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (3 units in Support) ¹	0
Area 3	Arts and Humanities	
3A	Arts	3
3B	Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, Languages other than English	3
Area 4	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4 courses must come from at least two different course prefixes.)	
4A	American Institutions (Title 5, Section 40404 Requirement)	3
4B	Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 units in Major) ¹	0
Area 5	Physical and Life Sciences	
5A	Physical Sciences	3
5B	Life Sciences (3 units in Major) ¹	0
5C	Laboratory (may be embedded in a 5A or 5B course)	1
Area 6	Ethnic Studies	
6	Ethnic Studies	3

Upper-Division General Education

Upper-Division 2/5	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning or Physical and Life Sciences (3 units in Support) ¹	0
Upper-Division 3	Arts and Humanities	3
Upper-Division 4	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4 courses must come from at least two different course prefixes.) (3 units in Support) ¹	0

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