

PSYCHOLOGY: B.A.

Psychology is the study of behavior, mental processes, and experience.

It is an empirical science focused on expanding our understanding of individuals through both research and clinical work. Subjects include, but are not limited to, how the brain, behavior, and environment interact; how people develop cognitive, emotional, and behavioral problems, as well as how to intervene; how people interact with the world around them, and how these processes are integrated into personality under interpersonal, social, and cultural influences.

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Psychology is a 124-credit program that includes study in biological, cognitive, developmental, social, cultural, and individual aspects of people, as well as specific study of research methodologies (including statistics) employed within the discipline and how psychology can be applied in real life. Once this foundational knowledge is gained, students may customize their program based on their personal, educational, and career goals by choosing from a variety of courses to fulfill the degree requirements. The bachelor's degree in psychology serves as good preparation for most careers that involve working with others, as well as for graduate study in psychology and related fields.

The B.A. in Psychology includes a set of required courses that all students must take, along with SUNY General Education (<http://catalog.esc.edu/undergraduate/earning-undergraduate-degree/gened/>) and other academic requirements (<http://catalog.esc.edu/undergraduate/earning-undergraduate-degree/>), in order to be eligible to receive a degree. The required courses for programs in Psychology can be found on the "Program Details" tab. Students should speak with their mentor to see if any credit earned through individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA) (<https://www.sunyempire.edu/degree-planning-academic-review/prior-learning-assessment/individualized-prior-learning-assessment/>) or Professional Learning Evaluation (PLE) (<http://catalog.esc.edu/undergraduate/transfer-credit/ple/>) might fulfill these course requirements. Courses are offered online, through independent studies, or through a blended approach.

Students completing the B.A. in Psychology will need to complete the following course requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
HUDV 1015 or HUDV 3025	Human Development: Introductory Human Development: Advanced	4
PSYC 1005	Introduction to Psychology	4
PSYC 2030 or PSYC 3020	Social Psychology: Introductory Social Psychology: Advanced	4
PSYC 3010	Abnormal Psychology: Advanced	4
PSYC 3040	Biological Psychology	4
PSYC 3045 or PSYC 3100	Cognitive Psychology Learning & Memory	4
PSYC 3055	Cultural Psychology	4
SOSC 2010	Statistics for the Social Sciences	4
SOSC 3025	Social Science Research Methods	4
Two Advanced Level PSYC or HUDV Electives		8
Total Credits		44

- Students will be able to describe overarching themes in the field of psychology, as well as key concepts in major domain and application areas of psychology.
- Students will be able to use scientific reasoning and methodology to interpret psychological and behavioral phenomena, including demonstrating psychology information literacy.
- Students will be able to articulate ethical values in evaluating psychological science and practice in a diverse world.
- Students will be able to interact effectively with others, including demonstration effective writing and presentation skills.
- Students will develop meaningful professional direction that can utilize psychological knowledge and skills.