BA IN PSYCHOLOGY

Admission to the BA in Psychology is currently suspended. Please contact the department for further information.

Units required for Major: 46-50 Total units required for BA: 120

Program Description

With a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, graduates can qualify for positions requiring an understanding of human behavior in public service, education, or business. The undergraduate Behavior Analysis Certificate qualifies students for positions requiring the application of behavior analysis in educational settings and health and human service agencies.

The Psychology program at Sacramento State is highly sought after and the undergraduate major is officially impacted. Students wishing to become Psychology majors must meet eligibility requirements before applying for admission to the program. It is highly recommended that interested students speak with a Psychology advisor as soon as possible.

Students interested in a Psychology major or minor should contact the Psychology Department in Amador Hall room 350.

Minimum Grade Requirement

Once admitted to the program, PSYC 2, PSYC 8, AND PSYC 121 must each be completed with a minimum grade of "C-" or better.

Coursework Sequencing

The Psychology Department strongly recommends that Psychology Majors sequence their courses in the following manner to provide them with an optimal learning experience:

Code	Title	Units

Freshmen and Sophomores

Lower division GE requirements, CHDV 30, PSYC 2, PSYC 4, PSYC 8, PSYC 9 and electives

Juniors

Upper division GE requirements, PSYC 121 (and PSYC 102 for graduate school aspirants), any upper division Psychology courses and electives

Seniors

Upper division GE requirements, any upper division Psychology courses, Psychology capstone course and electives

It is important to choose courses in the sequence outlined above. Otherwise, there could be a delay in completion of the major and graduation.

Note: Transfer students must take at least 15 units of Psychology courses in residence at Sacramento State; 12 of those units must be upper division.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units	
Required Lower Division Courses (13 Units)			
PSYC 2	Introductory Psychology 1,2	3	
CHAD 30	Human Development	3	
PSYC 4	Navigating Psychology: The Major and Careers	1	

PSYC 8	Methods of Psychology ²		
PSYC 9 Introductory Statistics for Psychology		3	
Required Upper D	ivision Courses (33-37 Units)		
PSYC 100	Cross-Cultural Psychology	3	
PSYC 121	Methods and Statistics in Psychological Research 2	3	
Select one of the fo	ollowing methods courses: ³	3 - 4	
PSYC 102	Advanced Methods and Statistics in Psychological Research		
PSYC 120	Psychological Testing and Measurement		
PSYC 122	Qualitative Research in Psychology		
PSYC 129	Behavioral Research Methods		
Select one of the fo	ollowing biological processes courses:	3 - 4	
PSYC 111	Foundations of Behavioral Neuroscience		
PSYC/BIO 115	Neuroscience		
PSYC 116	Animal Behavior		
PSYC 117	Drugs and Behavior		
Select four courses	s, with at least one from Cognitive/Learning and one	12	
from Individual/So		- 13	
Cognitive and Lea	rning Processes		
PSYC 103	Perception		
PSYC 104	Learning Theories		
PSYC 106	Motivation		
PSYC 110	Cognitive Psychology		
PSYC 118	Cognitive Neuroscience		
PSYC 181	Experimental Analysis of Behavior		
Individual and Soc	cial Processes		
PSYC 108	Organizational Psychology		
PSYC 130	Personality Theories		
PSYC 142	Community Psychology		
PSYC 145	Social Psychology		
PSYC 148	Child Psychology		
PSYC 168	Abnormal Psychology		
PSYC 171	Applied Behavior Analysis		
Select one of the fo	ollowing human diversity courses:	3	
PSYC 135	Psychology of Multicultural Groups 🚱		
PSYC 150	Psychological Aspects of Aging		
PSYC 157	Psychology of Women		
PSYC 160	Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity		
PSYC 185	Psychology of Exceptional Children		
Select one of the fo	ollowing capstone courses:	3 - 4	
PSYC 107	Controversial Issues in Psychology		
PSYC 119	Human Factors Psychology		
PSYC 143	Practicum in Community Psychology		
PSYC 152	Psychological Aspects of Health, Wellness, and Illness		
PSYC 169	Industrial Psychology		
PSYC 177	Special Topics Capstone: Advanced Study in		

Psychology

Total Units	46	-50
Select one add 100-199)	ditional upper division Psychology course (numbered	
Electives		3
PSYC 198B	Prospects for Success: Peer Mentor	
PSYC 194	Cooperative Research	
PSYC 190	History and Systems of Psychology	
PSYC 184	Clinical Issues in Applied Behavior Analysis	
PSYC 183		

1 Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

General Education Requirements 1

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Bas	ic Subjects (9 Units)	
A1 - Oral Co	ommunication	3
A2 - Written	Communication	3
A3 - Critical	Thinking ²	3
Area B: Phy	sical Universe and Its Life Forms (10 Units)	
B1 - Physic	al Science	3
B2 - Life Fo	rms	3
B3 - Lab (No B1, B2 or B	ote: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following 5)	j: 1
B4 - Math C	concepts	3
	nal Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-divisio omplete Area & upper division requirements. ³	on 0
Area C: Arts	s and Humanities (12 Units)	
C1 - Arts		3
C2 - Human	ities	3
C1/C2 - Are	a C Course	3
	a C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Are ision requirements.	a 3
Area D: The	Individual and Society (6 Units)	
Area D Cou	rse	3
Area D Cou	rse ³	0
Area D Cou division req	rse - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper uirements.	er 3
Area E: Und	lerstanding Personal Development (3 Units)	
Area E Cou	rse	3
Area F: Ethr	nic Studies	
Area F Cou	rse	
Total Units		40

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (http://www.csus.edu/acad/), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

Department recommends ANTH 4, ENVS 11, or SOC 8 to meet Area A3.

³ Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

Graduation Requirements ¹

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Code	Title		Units
Graduation Req	uirements (required by CSU) (9 Units)	
American Instit	utions: U.S.	History	3
American Instit	utions: U.S.	Constitution & CA Government	3
Writing Intensiv	re (WI)		3
Graduation Req	uirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)
English Compos	sition II		3
Race and Ethnic	city in Amer	ican Society (RE)	3
Foreign Langua	ge Proficien	icy Requirement ²	6

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² If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html (https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html)

² Must be completed with a minimum grade of "C-" or better.

³ Select PSYC 102 if planning to enter a graduate program in Psychology.