

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior. Professional psychologists may be researchers investigating behavior or practitioners who apply their knowledge and skills to individual and social problems. The Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology prepares students for careers in which a background in psychology is useful, such as business, communications, or social services. It may also serve as preparation for graduate school, either in psychology or in other fields, such as law.

For information, call University College for an appointment with an academic advisor, who will discuss courses and formats that suit your requirements and schedule.

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## ULTIMATE FLEXIBILITY

Part-time students complete degree requirements by combining on-campus classes with courses in a variety of flexible formats, including online, accelerated, and condensed options. Psychology courses must be taken in regular classroom format.

## ADMISSION

### Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED, or official transcripts from all previous higher education institutions attended.
- For students transferring college credit, minimum 3.0 grade point average.
- For students with no college credit to transfer, high school transcript must be submitted with application.
- Interview with an advisor (may be conducted by telephone).

### Special situations:

- Students with an academic record that is not strong may take courses on a nonmatriculated basis to demonstrate academic ability.
- No more than 30 credits gained through testing or through evaluation of extra-institutional or experiential learning may be applied toward the program.
- To be accepted for transfer, courses must: show a grade of C (2.0) or better; have been taken at an accredited college or university; and fit degree requirements.
- Where a grade of "pass" has been earned in a course, the school where the grade was earned must certify that a "pass" is equivalent to a C or higher.

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 30 credits in psychology courses.
- Courses credited toward the major must be completed at Syracuse University, unless the Department of Psychology grants a waiver.

- PSY 205, which is a prerequisite for all other psychology courses, except 252.
- PSY 313
- A two-semester statistics sequence that also satisfies the Liberal Arts Core. This sequence and PSY 313 should be completed before taking any laboratory course.
- 18 credits of psychology courses numbered 300 or above.
- One 3-credit course in each of the four areas of psychology: cognitive neuroscience, developmental/educational, social/personality, and clinical/health.
- 60 additional credits in Arts and Sciences, including:
  - CAS 100 (1-credit first-year seminar)
  - Writing skills: WRT 105 or CAS 100 and WRT 205, plus a writing-intensive course
  - Quantitative skills: MAT 121, 122; MAT 221, 222; or MAT 121 or 221 followed by PSY 252
  - Four courses in each of three curricular divisions: Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Science and Mathematics
  - Two courses satisfying the Critical Reflections on Ethical and Social Issues requirement
  - 30 credits of electives.

Up to 90 credits can be transferred, including up to 66 credits from a junior college. Transfer of psychology credits is determined by your advisor in consultation with the Department of Psychology.

Minimum C average (2.0) overall and in the upper division courses counted toward the major is required for graduation.

