

Psychology (BA)

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As a systematic study of human behavior and mental processes, psychology seeks to understand the fundamental questions of who we are as humans and why we do the things that we do by studying a variety of topics (e.g., personality, cognition, perception, learning, motivation, emotion) and applying them to diverse settings in health, business, education, counseling, and the community at large. In addition to objectively studying the varieties of human behavior, these topics also tend to self-reflection. As such, it is important that the study of psychology be grounded in the eternal truth of God as the Creator and man as the creature made in His image. At Florida College, each psychology course is embedded in a biblical worldview while also aiming at accurate, scientific knowledge. The BA in Psychology prepares students for graduate study and/or careers in a wide range of people-oriented professions (e.g., psychology, business, health services, law, business), which benefit from the important skills required by the study of psychology in a liberal arts college. These skills include problem-solving, critical thinking, introspection, empathy, and interpersonal communication as well as developing a systematic understanding of the causes of human behavior. To complete the BA in psychology students are required to satisfy both the daily Bible and the general education requirements including language. Taking lab courses in Biology is strongly recommended.

Entrance Requirements

Completion of the General Education requirements at Florida College or the equivalent with a B average, including Statistics, General Psychology, and the language requirement, junior level standing, and submission of written application to the department chair. An additional interview may be required.

Total Semester Hours

Completion of the BA in Psychology requires a total of 124 credit hours, 54 at the upper division level with at least a "C" in each course applied to the major.

General Education Requirements

Each student will complete the 36-hour general education core, and two (2) hours of physical education classes. Two semesters of foreign language are required. Students should also complete at least one college level Biology course equivalent to BSC 2010. (Transfer students who have completed at least 60 semester hours, including courses that satisfy the 36-hour general education core at Florida College, will not be required to complete the A.A or fulfill PE activities courses.)

Language Requirement

The Psychology major requires that a student complete two semesters of a foreign language.

Daily Bible Requirement

All students living on campus and off-campus students enrolled in more than six credit hours must take a Biblical Literature course each day that they take classes on the Florida College campus. For Psychology majors this requirement may not be fulfilled with pass/fail courses.

Requirement for the Major in Psychology

This degree requires 36 hours of psychology courses which must include both PSY 3213 and PSY 4604 and at least two additional courses from each cluster of electives: a (applied) and b (theoretical).

Prerequisites (6 hours)

PSY 1012	General Psychology
STA 2023	Elementary Statistics

Recommended (4 hours)

BSC 2010	Biology I w.Lab
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Required Core Courses (6 hours)

PSY 3213	Research Methods
PSY 4604	History and Systems

Upper Division Elective Courses (24 hours)

Applied (Minimum of 6 hours required)

CLP 4143	Abnormal Psychology
DEP 4053	Developmental Psychology
INP 4004	Industrial/Organizational Psychology
PSY 4832	Sport Psychology
SOP 4004	Social Psychology
CLP 4414	Behavior Modification
CLP 4433	Psychological Tests and Measurements
PSY 4950	Special Topics in Psychology
SOP 4450	Psychology of Religion

Theoretical/Experimental (Minimum of 6 hours required)

PPE 4003	Personality Theories
EXP 4304	Motivation and Emotion
EXP 4404	Psychology of Learning
EXP 4680	Cognitive Psychology
EXP 4204	Perception
PSB 4004	Physiological Psychology

Minor

Completion of the psychology degree also requires satisfactory completion of one of the approved minors at Florida College. All minors must be reviewed by either the program coordinator or department chair.

Quality of Work

A minimum grade point average of 2.5 overall on all upper-level work and at least a C in each course applied to the minor is required.

Residency

Students must complete a minimum of 36 hours of their upper-level work at Florida College in order to receive the BA in Psychology. For all students, on-line course work is not permitted unless express permission is granted by the department chair.

Graduation Ceremony

Candidates for the BA in Psychology must participate in graduation exercises.

RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR BA DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY (124 hours)

Fall - Year One	Hours	Spring - Year One	Hours
ENC 1101 - Freshman Composition I	3	ENC 1102 - Freshman Composition II	3
MAC 1105 - College Algebra	3	STA 2023 - Elementary Statistics	3
SPC 1608 - Public Speaking	3	SYG 2000 - Introduction to Sociology	3
REL 1210 - Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 - Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1273 - Biblical Worldview	1	Bible	1
PSY 1012 - General Psychology	3	Social Science Elective	3
PE activity	1		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall - Year Two	Hours	Spring - Year Two	Hours
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language	4
Bible	2	Bible	1
Bible	1	LIT 2371 - OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
BSC 2010 - General Biology I w/Lab	4	HLP 2081 - Health and Wellness	1
Humanities	3	BSC 2011 - General Biology II w/Lab	4
Elective	3	PSY 3213 - Research Methods	3
Total	17	Total	16
Fall - Year Three	Hours	Spring - Year Three	Hours
Minor	3	SOP 4450 Psychology of Religion	3
Bible	3	Bible	3
SOP 4004 - Social Psychology	3	CLP 4143 - Abnormal Psychology	3
EXP 4680 - Cognitive Psychology	3	INP 4004 - Industrial/Organizational Psychology	3
CLP 4433 - Psychological Tests and Measurement	3	Minor	
Total	15	Total	15
Fall - Year Four	Hours	Spring - Year Four	Hours
PSY 4604 - History and Systems	3	Minor	2
Bible	3	Bible	3
PPE 4003 - Personality Theories	3	PSY 4004 - Physiological Psychology	3
EXP 4204 - Perception	3	CLP 4414 - Behavior Modification	3
Minor	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15