

# Psychology (BA)

*First awarded in 2024*

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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

The following minimum requirements will need to be accomplished for successful admission to the Psychology BA program:

- Completion of the 36-hour general education core, including Statistics, General Psychology, and the foreign language requirement – Minimum GPA 3.00; junior standing.
- Selection and assigning of a Psychology BA program academic advisor.

## 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 PE activities courses.)

## Language Requirement

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

## 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.

## 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 may count the lower-level courses of PSY 1012 and CLP 2001) and which must include both PSY 3213 and PSY 3604 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

*Required Core Courses (6 hours)*

PSY 3213      Research Methods

PSY 3604      History and Systems

*Upper Division Elective Courses (24 hours)*

*Applied (Minimum of 6 hours required)*

CLP 3314      Health Psychology  
CLP 4143      Abnormal Psychology  
CLP 4414      Behavior Modification  
DEP 4054      Developmental Psychology  
INP 4004      Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
PSY 3680      Positive Psychology  
PSY 4832      Sport Psychology  
PSY 4905      Independent Directed Study in Psychology  
PSY 4930      Special Topics in Psychology  
SOP 4004      Social Psychology  
SOP 4450      Psychology of Religion  
SOP 4723      Cultural Psychology  
SPS 3004      Psychology in Schools

*Theoretical/Experimental (Minimum of 6 hours required)*

CLP 4433      Psychological Tests and Measurements  
EXP 3404      Psychology of Learning  
EXP 4204      Perception  
EXP 4304      Motivation and Emotion  
EXP 4680      Cognitive Psychology  
PPE 4003      Psychology of Personality  
PSB 3002      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.

**Graduation Ceremony**

Candidates must participate in graduation exercises in the year of completing their other requirements. Any exception must be cleared through the Provost.

*RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR BA DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY (124 HOURS shown)*

| <b>Fall – Year One</b>               | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Spring – Year One</b>             | <b>Hours</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition I    | 3            | ENC 1102 – Freshman Composition II   | 3            |
| MAC 1105 – College Algebra           | 3            | PE activity                          | 1            |
| PE activity                          | 1            | Social Science Elective              | 3            |
| PSY 1012 – General Psychology        | 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            |
| TR Daily Bible                       | 1            | TR Daily Bible                       | 1            |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>16</b>    | <b>Total</b>                         | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>Fall – Year Two</b>               | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Spring – Year Two</b>             | <b>Hours</b> |
| BSC 2010 – General Biology I w/Lab   | 4            | Foreign Language                     | 4            |
| Foreign Language                     | 4            | HLP 2081 – Health and Wellness       | 1            |
| Humanities                           | 3            | LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom        | 3            |
| MWF Daily Bible                      | 2            | TR Daily Bible                       | 1            |
| TR Daily Bible                       | 1            | PSY 3213 – Research Methods          | 3            |
| Minor - Prerequisite                 | 3            | Minor - Prerequisite                 | 3            |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>17</b>    | <b>Total</b>                         | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>Fall – Year Three</b>             | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Spring – Year Three</b>           | <b>Hours</b> |
| MWF Daily Bible                      | 2            | MWF Daily Bible                      | 2            |
| TR Daily Bible                       | 1            | TR Daily Bible                       | 1            |
| CLP 4433 – Psych Tests and Measure   | 3            | CLP 4143 – Abnormal Psychology       | 3            |
| EXP 4680 – Cognitive Psychology      | 3            | INP 4004 – Ind/Org Psychology        | 3            |
| SOP 4004 – Social Psychology         | 3            | SOP 4450 Psychology of Religion      | 3            |
| Minor                                | 3            | Minor                                | 3            |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>15</b>    | <b>Total</b>                         | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>Fall – Year Four</b>              | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Spring – Year Four</b>            | <b>Hours</b> |
| MWF Daily Bible                      | 2            | MWF Daily Bible                      | 2            |
| TR Daily Bible                       | 1            | TR Daily Bible                       | 1            |
| EXP 4204 - Perception                | 3            | CLP 4414 – Behavior Modification     | 3            |
| PPE 4003 – Psychology of Personality | 3            | PSB 3002 – Physiological Psychology  | 3            |
| PSY 3604 – History and Systems       | 3            | Minor                                | 3            |
| Minor                                | 3            | Elective                             | 3            |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>15</b>    | <b>Total</b>                         | <b>15</b>    |