

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: why we do the things that we do and how we may flourish by better behavior. Psychology students will study a variety of topics (e.g., personality, cognition, perception, learning, motivation, emotion) and apply 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 biblical truths 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, public relations, and 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 a systematic understanding of the causes of human behavior.

Entrance Requirements

The following minimum requirements are required for admission to the Psychology BA program:

- Completion of the 36-hour general education core, including Statistics, General Psychology, a college level biology course, and the foreign language requirement – Minimum GPA 3.00; junior standing.
- Assignment 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

Completion of the degree requires 36 hours of psychology courses (which may include the lower-level courses of PSY 1012 and either CLP 2001 or PSY 2027) and which must include CLP 3622, PSY 3213 and PSY 3604 and at least two additional courses from each cluster of electives both applied and 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
CLP 3622 Ethics in Health and Psychology

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 3860 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 4434 Psychological Tests and Measurements
EXP 3403 Psychology of Learning
EXP 4204 Perception
EXP 4304 Motivation and Emotion
EXP 4607 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 (121 HOURS shown)

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	Social Science Elective	3
PE activity	1	STA 2023 – Elementary Statistics	3
PSY 1012 – General Psychology	3	SYG 2000 – Introduction to Sociology	3
Public Speaking	3	REL 1240 – Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	TR Daily Bible	1
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Total	16	Total	15
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
BSC 2010 – General Biology I w/Lab	4	Foreign Language	3
Foreign Language	3	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
Total	16	Total	14
Fall – Year Three	Hours	Spring – Year Three	Hours
MWF Daily Bible	2	MWF Daily Bible	2
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
CLP 4434 – Psych Tests and Measure	3	CLP 4143 – Abnormal Psychology	3
CLP 3622- Ethics in Psychology	3	INP 4004 – Ind/Org Psychology	3
SOP 4004 – Social Psychology	3	CLP 3314 - Health Psychology	3
Minor	3	Minor	3
Total	15	Total	15
Fall – Year Four	Hours	Spring – Year Four	Hours
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	EXP 4607 - Cognitive Psychology	3
PSY 3604 – History and Systems	3	Minor	3
Minor	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15