PSYCHOLOGY - BS

All psychology majors receive a rigorous program of undergraduate education and training that encourages critical thinking, lifelong learning, and the analysis and integration of information about individuals and groups of people. The curriculum leading to a degree in psychology provides students with an understanding of human behavior and the ability to use scientific methods to answer questions about human behavior.

Students majoring in psychology may earn either the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. The psychology course requirements for the two degrees are identical; they differ with respect to the requirements in other disciplines. For example, the BA degree requires courses in a foreign language and extra humanities hours, whereas the BS degree requires additional hours in the physical and biological sciences.

Students interested in studying human behavior, with a science-oriented supporting curriculum, pursue a Bachelor of Science degree. The BS can successfully prepare students interested in further study in a science-oriented psychology graduate program (such as neuroscience) or medical school, or other health-related graduate and professional programs (e.g., pharmacy, physical therapy), as well as students interested in entry-level positions in business or applied psychology.

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Total Semester Credit Hours 120

1 Complete 6 hours of mathematics core courses. Note that MATH 167 is not an accepted course in this degree program. Select two from the following options:
   - Select one of the following: MATH 140, MATH 168.
   - Select one of the following: MATH 142, MATH 147, MATH 151, MATH 171.
   - Select one of the following: MATH 152, MATH 148, MATH 172.
   - MATH 150
   - Select one of the following: PHIL 240, STAT 201.

2 Courses in psychology may not be used to satisfy this requirement.
3 See departmental advisor for approved list
4 Select from PBSI 100-499 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pbsi/), No more than a combined maximum of 6 hours of PBSI 484, PBSI 485 are permitted.

A grade of C or higher is required if a course is to be counted in the major field.
No course can be counted in more than one category.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/) courses. A course satisfying a core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.