

# DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BRAIN SCIENCES

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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 are prepared to enter a variety of graduate and professional programs in psychology and related fields (such as law, medical school), as well as to enter entry-level employment in a number of fields (such as business, human resources).

**BA/BS Degrees:** 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. The two degrees are offered to allow students to complete their non-psychology course of study in fields of greatest interest to them. Thus, students who have stronger interests in the natural and life sciences should pursue the BS degree, whereas those with stronger interests in foreign language and the humanities should pursue the BA degree.

Both degrees provide students with the necessary curriculum requirements to pursue graduate study in psychology in most institutions, as well as other professional fields such as law. Students planning to apply to medical school or other physical health professional programs are advised to select the BS degree program.

**Honors:** Students who qualify for the University Honors Program should contact the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences about the department's own honors program which places an emphasis on small classes and independent research experience.

**Minors:** A non-psychology minor is optional for psychology majors. If chosen, a minor must consist of 15–18 credit hours, no more than 9 of which may be lower division and must be declared before the student completes 90 credit hours. No more than 6 hours from the minor may be used to fulfill other Core requirements. A grade of C or higher is required if a course is to be counted in the major or minor field. A psychology minor is available for non-psychology majors (see below). For more information about Psychology undergraduate programs, please visit the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences website.

## Faculty

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Psychological & Brain Sciences  
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## Majors

- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/psychological-and-brain-sciences/ba/>)
- Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience, Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Track (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/psychological-and-brain-sciences/bs-neuroscience-bcn/>)
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/psychological-and-brain-sciences/bs/>)

## Minors

- Psychology Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/psychological-and-brain-sciences/minor/>)

## Certificates

- Applied Behavioral Health Certificate (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/psychological-and-brain-sciences/applied-behavioral-health-certificate/>)
- Healthy Development Certificate (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/psychological-and-brain-sciences/healthy-development-certificate/>)
- Psychology of Diversity Certificate (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/psychological-and-brain-sciences/psychology-diversity-certificate/>)
- Work and Organizations Certificate (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/psychological-and-brain-sciences/work-organizations-certificate/>)