

B.S. Psychology

A degree in psychology provides graduates with many career options and preparation for graduate school. Some employment opportunities are available immediately after graduation, including jobs in social service. A graduate degree provides a path for many mental health careers including licensed professional counselor, play therapist, industrial psychologist, and clinical psychologist.

Due to the sensitive and confidential nature of the work, psychology students will be held to the highest standards of ethical and moral behavior. Behavior that fails to comply with these high standards will require the student to withdraw from the program. Students seeking admission must meet the following admission requirements.

Admission requirements to Southwestern Adventist University's Psychology program:

1. Completion of at least 30 credit hours including but not limited to PSYC 212 - General Psychology, PSYC 220 - Human Growth and Development, ENGL 121 - Freshman Composition, and ENGL 220- Research and Professional Writing.
2. Have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher.
3. Have a C or higher in the following courses: ENGL 121 - Freshman Composition, ENGL 220 – Research and Professional Writing, PSYC 212 – General Psychology, and PSYC 220 – Human Growth and Development.
4. Attend a face-to-face interview with program faculty. Interviews will take place Spring semester of Sophomore year.
5. Provide a writing sample that shows reading comprehension, critical thinking, and understanding of APA style guidelines.

Application Process

All applicants must complete the following:

1. Submit an essay of at least one page that describes reasons for wanting to pursue a career in mental health, your interests in the field, and how the student is qualified to be accepted into the program. In addition, students will submit a peer-reviewed academic article review related to their future population or field of interest within mental health.
2. Submit two letters of recommendation (no relatives or Education & Psychology faculty).
3. Interview with the department faculty.

All documents must be provided to the department secretary before students are eligible to interview.

[General Education Requirements for all Bachelor's Degrees](#)

[Quality Enhancement Plan \(QEP\) Requirement](#)

Psychology B.S. Requirements

Item #	Title	credits
PSYC 212	General Psychology	3
PSYC 220	Human Growth & Development	3
PSYC 222	Ethics for Mental Health Professionals	3
PSYC 233	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 270	Physiological Psychology	3
PSYC 322	Child & Adolescent Psychology	3
PSYC 330	Life Transitions, Grief and Loss	3
PSYC 331	Multicultural Counseling	3
PSYC 338	Conflict Resolution	3
PSYC 340	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 344	Marriage, and Family Therapy	3
PSYC 360	Personality Theory & Development	3
PSYC 410	Group Therapy	3
PSYC 415	Crisis, Intervention, Assessment, and Treatment	3
PSYC 430	Addictive Behaviors	3
PSYC 445	Deviant Behavior	3
PSYC 460	Applied Social Research Methods	3
PSYC 470	Counseling Theory & Techniques	3

B.S. Psychology Electives

Nine electives to be selected from the following courses.

Item #	Title	credits
PSYC 326	Learners With Exceptionalities	3
PSYC 351	Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3
PSYC 480	Psychology Internship	1-6

Required Cognate

Item #	Title	credits
MATH 141	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3
	Total credits:	66