

B.S. Psychology

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Southwestern Adventist University's psychology department offers a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. It is designed for individuals wanting to obtain entry-level positions in the field of psychology and to pursue graduate studies in counseling, clinical psychology, marriage and family counseling, and other mental health fields.

Job Market

The job market has many possibilities for those with a B.S. in Psychology. University alumni surveys find that psychology graduates are currently working as psychology technicians, case managers for social services, firefighters, ministers, teachers, authors, probation officers, small business owners and corporate executives.

Job Outlook

A number of institutions hire graduates with a bachelor's degree, thus the outlook for a psychology major is excellent. Training in critical thinking, interpersonal communications, and human behavior make graduates in this field highly versatile and employable.

Earnings

Depending on the area of the country and type of job, grads can expect to earn a salary range of \$30,000-\$50,000.

Educational Qualifications

Students must be prepared to pursue licensure and complete a master's degree and take the various licensure exams in order to be qualified as a therapist. Students planning to teach at tertiary level in psychology programs must have at least one area of expertise and a doctorate degree is preferred. A terminal degree is also very advantageous in psychology to make an individual highly qualified.



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
	Sub-Total Credits	54

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
	Sub-Total Credits	9

Required Cognate

Item #	Title	Credits
MATH 141	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

Sample 4 Year Curriculum

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major please visit: <https://catalog.swau.edu/core-curriculum-for-a-bachelors-degree>

First Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3
PSYC 212	General Psychology	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
	Life and Physical Science GE Requirement	4
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

First Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
COMM 111	Speech	3
ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
HIST 112	United States History from 1865	3
PSYC 220	Human Growth & Development	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Requirement	4
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
	Sub-Total Credits	17

Second Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 111	United States History to 1865	3
MATH 141	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3
PSYC 270	Physiological Psychology	3
PSYC 331	Multicultural Counseling	3
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSYC 222	Ethics for Mental Health Professionals	3
PSYC 233	Social Psychology	3
	Fine Arts GE Requirement	3
	Literature GE Requirement	3
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Third Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSYC 338	Conflict Resolution	3
PSYC 360	Personality Theory & Development	3
PSYC 410	Group Therapy	3
PSYC 430	Addictive Behaviors	3
	Psychology Electives for Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Third Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSYC 322	Child & Adolescent Psychology	3
PSYC 330	Life Transitions, Grief and Loss	3
PSYC 340	Abnormal Psychology	3
	Psychology Electives for Curriculum Guide	3
	Religion GE Requirement, Upper Division	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Fourth Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSYC 344	Marriage, and Family Therapy	3
PSYC 415	Crisis, Intervention, Assessment, and Treatment	3
PSYC 460	Applied Social Research Methods	3
PSYC 480	Psychology Internship	1-6
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Sub-Total Credits	13-18

Fourth Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSYC 445	Deviant Behavior	3
PSYC 470	Counseling Theory & Techniques	3
PSYC 480	Psychology Internship	1-6
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Psychology Electives for Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	13-18

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