

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 and Development	3
PSYC 222	Ethics for Mental Health Professionals	3
PSYC 244	Courtship, Marriage, and Family	3
PSYC 322	Adolescent Psychology	3
PSYC 331	Multicultural Perspectives	3
PSYC 338	Conflict Resolution	3
PSYC 340	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 360	Personality Theory & Development	3
PSYC 410	Group Therapy	3
PSYC 415	Crisis, Intervention, Assessment, and Treatment	3
PSYC 445	Deviant Behavior	3
PSYC 460	Applied Social Research Methods	3
PSYC 470	Counseling Theory & Techniques	3
	Sub-Total Credits	42

B.S. Psychology Electives Electives to be selected from the following courses

Item #	Title	Credits
PSYC 233	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 320	Parenting Skills	3
PSYC 326	Learners With Exceptionalities	3
PSYC 330	Life Transitions, Grief and Loss	3
PSYC 430	Addictive Behaviors	3
PSYC 480	Psychology Internship	1-6
PSYC 498	Individual Study Topics	1-3
	Sub-Total Credits	13

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
BIOL 103	Human Biology	4
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3
PSYC 212	General Psychology	3
RELT 101	Christian Beliefs	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
	Sub-Total Credits	15

First Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
COMM 111	Speech	3
CSIS 105	Introduction to Computing	3
HIST 112	United States History from 1865	3
	Kinesiology GE Curriculum Guide	1
PHYS 114	Physical Science	4
PSYC 220	Human Growth and Development	3
	Sub-Total Credits	17

Second Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
	History GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Kinesiology GE Curriculum Guide	1
PSYC 244	Courtship, Marriage, and Family	3
PSYC 331	Multicultural Perspectives	3
PSYC 338	Conflict Resolution	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Fine Arts GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Literature GE Curriculum Guide	3
MATH 141	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3
PSYC 222	Ethics for Mental Health Professionals	3
PSYC 233	Social Psychology	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Third Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSYC 320	Parenting Skills	3
PSYC 360	Personality Theory & Development	3
PSYC 410	Group Therapy	3
PSYC 430	Addictive Behaviors	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Third Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSYC 326	Learners With Exceptionalities	3
PSYC 330	Life Transitions, Grief and Loss	3
PSYC 340	Abnormal Psychology	3
	Psychology Electives for Curriculum Guide	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Fourth Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSYC 415	Crisis, Intervention, Assessment, and Treatment	3
PSYC 460	Applied Social Research Methods	3
PSYC 480	Psychology Internship	1-6
	Psychology Electives for Curriculum Guide	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	13-18

Fourth Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSYC 322	Adolescent Psychology	3
PSYC 470	Counseling Theory & Techniques	3
PSYC 445	Deviant Behavior	3
PSYC 480	Psychology Internship	1-6
	Sub-Total Credits	10-15

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