



Bachelor of Arts

Psychology (BAPSY)

• CIP code 420101 • 120 credits

Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (BAPSY) is a 120-credit fully online program set within a broad-based liberal arts framework that has a strong interdisciplinary and humanistic foundation. The curriculum is a solid preparation for professional application in clinical, educational, and human services, while also serving as a strong foundation for more specialized application and focus at the graduate level.

The psychology major prepares students for life-long learning, critical thinking, and effective action in the field, and helps them develop a wide range of career options and skills that emerge from a broad and comprehensive grounding in psychology as the science of human behavior. An important feature of the program is personal reflection and application of new psychological knowledge and insights to new contexts. Given the scope, intensity, and rapidity of social, cultural, and technological changes in our world, the need to increase our understanding of the widest possible range of human experience and behavior has never been greater or more critical.

Required courses look at the history and methodology of psychology and introduce students to broader issues related to human growth and development, learning theory, personality, motivational and group theories, and a variety of approaches to psychopathology and psychotherapy. A special emphasis of the program is critical examination of the important roles of culture, history and belief in shaping differing approaches to the study of human behavior.

Final Project — Students complete a Capstone project which is a culminating piece of research in psychology related to their own personal and professional interests. Students demonstrate their mastery of psychology content and methodology and apply their academic experience to a learning project that interests and challenges them.

Program Outcomes

- Fundamental understanding of the historical development and methodologies of modern psychology.
- Understanding and basic knowledge of major psychological theories, concepts, and processes.
- Understanding of learning theory and cognition, personality, motivation, and group theories.
- Understanding of a variety of perspectives regarding mental health, psychopathology, maladaptive behaviors, and psychotherapy.
- Understanding of the roles of cultural, social, and historical forces in shaping behavior.

Instructional Delivery

The BAPSY an online program. Courses are eight weeks in length, and there are six sessions per year. This program is offered in a 100% asynchronous online format, and there is a strong focus on engaging students in a dynamic and interactive learning format. Given that CCG students are primarily working adults, the average program completion is five (5) years or thirty (30) eight-week sessions.

BAPSY General Education 42 credits

English 6
 ENG 101W English Composition I (or WRT 101*)
 ENG 201W English Composition II (or WRT 102*)

Critical Thinking and Literacy 9

PHI 101W Critical Thinking (or CTH 225*)
 MIS 225W Information Systems Today (or CMP 130*)
 INF 101W Information Literacy for College Success (or CMP 230*)

Mathematics 6

MAT 101W** Essentials of College Mathematics (or MAT 101*)
 MAT 205W College Algebra (or MAT 102*)

Elective Choose one additional General Education course . . . 3

*These Cambridge College courses will be accepted in place of the listed courses.

**Students may elect to take a Math placement exam instead of MAT 101W. Students should contact their advisor for assistance with scheduling the placement exam prior to enrolling in any MAT courses.

Arts & Humanities 6
Natural & Physical Sciences 6
Social Sciences 6

Open Electives 36 credits

Choose electives and/or concentrations to support your academic interests and professional goals.

Psychology Major 42 credits

PSY 120 Formative Ideas in Psychology 3
 PSY 130 Groups & Social Psychology 3
 PSY 210 Developmental Psychology 3
 PSY 310 Psychology of Learning 3
 PSY 315 Research in Psychology 3
 PSY 325 Theories of Personality 3
 PSY 402 Themes in Adult Development 3
 PSY 412 Perspectives on Psychopathology 3

Psychology Electives 15

Capstone

PSY 490 Psychology Capstone 3

See *Undergraduate Psychology Course Descriptions* on page 104.

Please note: The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology is also offered as an in-seat or hybrid program under Arts & Sciences. See *Psychology* on page 75 for details.