What kind of undergraduate degree can I get in psychology at Baylor University?

The Department of Psychology and Neuroscience offers three undergraduate degrees, the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Psychology, the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Psychology, and the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Neuroscience. Information on the Neuroscience program is available in “Neuroscience Advising Guide”, which is available in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience office (BSB B309).

What is the difference between B.A. and B.S. Degrees?

The B.A. and B.S. degrees in Psychology provide liberal arts education with required courses in the humanities, mathematics, natural science, and social science. The B.A. degree has a greater emphasis in the humanities and the B.S. degree has a greater emphasis in science and mathematics. The choice of the B.A. degree versus the B.S. degree is more a matter of your interests and abilities rather than career choice, as most careers are equally accessible with the B.A. or the B.S. Graduate and professional schools in psychology and other disciplines place much greater emphasis on the courses you take, your grade point average and career-related experiences, than whether your degree is a B.A. or a B.S. Approximately 85% of our majors earn the B.A. degree.

What about graduate programs at Baylor?

Baylor offers two graduate degrees in psychology, the Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Psychology. However, being a Baylor undergraduate does not mean you will be able to get an advanced degree from Baylor as well. Students from all over the country apply for these programs, and only a select few are chosen. You can find out more about Baylor University graduate programs online: http://www.baylor.edu/graduate/home.php.

What do I do once I decide to major in Psychology?

You should declare Pre-Psychology (see below) as your major; then you must complete the requirements listed in your degree plan. You may obtain your degree audit online: www.baylor.edu/advising/degreeaudit.

What is “Pre-Psychology”? 

All new students are admitted as Pre-Psychology majors. Students enrolling at Baylor as Freshman will be promoted into the PSY major when they have achieved the following:

Pre-Psychology (BA Degree)

Students enrolling as freshmen

A. Completed the following PSY/NSC courses, with a minimum GPA in these courses of 2.25:
   - PSY 1305
   - NSC 1306
   - PSY 2402
• PSY 1101 (Students who completed another New Student Experience class may petition to allow that course to substitute for PSY 1101.)

If transfer or AP credit was used to satisfy the PSY 1305 requirements, the grade earned will not be used to compute GPA.

B. Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.25 in no fewer than 45 hours completed a Baylor University.

C. Students are eligible for promotion once they have earned 45 hours at Baylor University, and must complete the above requirements for admission to the major before completing 75 hours.

Students enrolling as transfer

A. Completed the following PSY/NSC courses, with a minimum GPA in these courses of 2.25:
   • PSY 1305
   • NSC 1306
   • PSY 2402

   If transfer or AP credit was used to satisfy the PSY 1305 requirements, the grade earned will not be used to compute GPA.

B. Transfer students must have a minimum GPA of 2.25 in no fewer than 24 hours completed at Baylor University. Only courses taken at Baylor are used in the computation of GPAs.

C. Transfer students are eligible for promotion as soon as they have completed 24 hours of Baylor University, and must complete the requirements once they have completed 45 hours at Baylor.

Exceptions to the above policies based on extenuating circumstances can be directed to the chair or chair’s designee.

Students failing to meet the promotion criteria cannot continue in the major.

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B. Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.60 in no fewer than 45 hours completed at Baylor University.

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Students enrolling as transfers

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NOTE: Once you have completed the pre-requisites for the major, you will automatically be promoted to the full major. If you fail to meet the minimal criteria, your major will automatically be changed to “undecided”. This could cause you to be dropped from upper level psychology courses. You should be proactive in talking to your advisor within the department (Dr. Lawrence) if it looks like you will NOT meet the minimal criteria to discuss your options.

What about the requirement for advanced hours?

Advanced hours are achieved by taking any course that is at the “3000- 4000” level. The university specifies that you must have at least 36 hours of advanced coursework. All 3000 or 4000 level psychology hours count toward this university requirement. Please note that when you complete the requirements for the psychology major, you will have only taken 19 or 20 hours of advanced credit hours. You must take an additional 16 – 17 hours of advanced courses. To complete the advanced hour requirement, you may take any combination of additional courses inside or outside the department.

Are there any special recommendations about completing the requirements for the major?

Yes. Here are some specific suggestions:

1. Introduction to Psychology (PSY 1305) and Introduction to Neuroscience (NSC 1306 and 1106) should be taken very early, preferably in your freshman year.

2. Your “Formal Reasoning” requirement should be fulfilled very early, preferably in your freshman year. Please note that PHI 1306: Logic and MTH 1301: Ideas in Mathematics do not qualify as a pre-requisite for PSY 2402: Statistics. Therefore, students should take MTH 1320: Pre-Calculus, MTH 1321: Calculus I or STA 1380: Elementary Statistics to fulfill their Formal Reasoning requirement.

3. Introductory Psychology (1305), Statistics (2402) and Introduction to Neuroscience (NSC 1306/1106) are the prerequisites for most other psychology courses.

4. Try to enroll in Research Methods (2405) the semester after you complete Statistics.

5. Plan your schedule carefully so that you are not overburdened with too many laboratory courses (foreign language, lab science, psychological science, and statistics) in the same semester.

6. As a junior and a senior, it is better to arrange your course schedule around psychology courses as it usually easier to find available courses and sections outside of psychology.
7. Seek Academic Advisement every semester. Watch for advising or other types of registration “Holds”. You will not be allowed to register until you remove all Holds.

8. Register as soon as you are able. Your registration time and date will be posted on BearWeb a few weeks before registration begins. If you wait to register, the psychology classes you need might already be filled.

9. To gain admittance into a closed class, you should get on the electronic waitlist. If you are graduating senior, you may contact the Psychology Department or Dr. Lawrence to discuss your options. **Although the catalog says you may get consent of the instructor for prerequisite waivers, those decisions are made only by the department chair or a designee of the chair.**

**How do I make sure I have all the courses I need to graduate?**

The degree audit is how the university determines your eligibility for graduation. Therefore, you should get a copy of your degree audit every semester to make sure you are meeting all your necessary requirements for graduation. Information about preparing for graduation and filing a graduation card are available through the University’s website. In addition, you should make an appointment each semester with the academic advisor for your degree programs (Psychology Department, Honors College, BIC, and/or Pre-Health). Ask questions. Check BearWeb to determine who is designated as your academic advisor. Ultimately the responsibility to ensure you have the completed all your requirements rests on you, not your advising team.
BA Degree (Requirements for a Major in Psychology) 34-35 hours

**Group A:** Required courses. Students are required to take all of the following:
- PSY 1305 Psychological Science
- NSC 1306 Introduction to Neuroscience
- NSC 1106 Introduction to Neuroscience Lab
- PSY 2402 Statistics
- PSY 2405 Research Methods

So, Group A total = 16 hours.

**Group B:** Student must select from the following three groups

**Group 1: Mental Health**
- PSY 3308 Theories of Psychotherapy/Counseling
- PSY 3309 Introduction to Clinical Psychology
- PSY 3330 Psychopathology

So, Group 1 total = 13 hours.

**Group 2: Experimental Psychology with Laboratory**
- PSY 3311/3111 Cognition
- PSY 3320/3120 Learning & Behavior
- PSY 3323/3123 Sensation & Perception

So, Group 2 total = 13 hours.

**Group 3: Social and Developmental Psychology**
- PSY 3310 Social Psychology
- PSY 3350 Life Span Human Development
- PSY 4327 Theories of Personality

So, Group 3 total = 13 hours.

**Group C:** Advanced Psychological Electives. Select 3 additional courses (minimum of 9 hours) from the above lists or any other 3000 level or 4000 level PSY course (see list of courses below). PSY 3321 & 3341 are not applicable to the major.
- PSY 3314 Industrial/Organizational Psychology †
- PSY 3318 Psychology of Memory
- PSY 3333 Health Disparities
- PSY 3335 Child Psychology
- PSY 3360 Psychology of Gender †
- PSY 3370 Affective Neuroscience
- PSY 3375 Sleep
- PSY 3380 Forensic Psychology
- PSY 3399 Positive Psychology
- PSY 3406 Comparative Psychology †
- PSY 4302 Human Development †
- PSY 4312 Behavioral Medicine
- PSY 4315 Psychological Assessment & Psychometrics
- PSY 4317 The Literature of Behavioral Neuroscience
- PSY 4324 Research on the Senses and Perception †
- PSY 4325 Sports and Exercise Psychology
- PSY 4329 Consciousness †
- PSY 4339 Psychology of Religion
- PSY 4355 Psychology of Aging
- PSY 4380 Psychology of Personal Relationships
- PSY 4385 Psychology of Film
- PSY 4395 History of Psychology
- PSY 4400 Advanced Statistics
- PSY 4v96 Special Topics in Psychology

† These courses are offered at select times throughout a 2- to 4-year period

Note: 3v90: Community Internship is a 3000-level course that does not count toward the major but does count as an upper division course (prerequisite is PSY 3330: Psychopathology)

**Group D:** Courses required in other fields (A grade of “C” or better is required in each of these courses)
- MTH 1320 or 1321 or STA 1380.
- Four additional hours from the Scientific Methods I Distribution List (not NSC).
BS Degree (Requirements for a Major in Psychology) 34-35 hours

**Group A: Required courses. Students are required to take all of the following:**

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- NSC 1306/1106 Introduction to Neuroscience/Lab
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- PSY 2405 Research Methods

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**Group 2: Experimental Psychology with Laboratory**
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**Group 3: Quantitative Psychology**
- PSY 4315 Psychological Assessment & Psychometrics
- PSY 4400 Advanced Statistics

**Group 4: Biological Psychology**
- PSY 4312 Behavioral Medicine
- PSY 4319 Clinical Neuroscience
- PSY 3355 Drugs and Behavior

**Group C: Advanced Psychological Electives. Select 2 additional courses (minimum of 6 hours) from the above lists or any other 3000 level or 4000 level PSY course (see list of courses below). PSY 3321 & 3341 are not applicable to the major.**

- PSY 3314 Industrial/Organizational Psychology †
- PSY 3318 Psychology of Memory
- PSY 3310 Social Psychology
- PSY 3333 Health Disparities
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- MTH 1321 and 1322
- BIO 1305-1105 and 1306-1106
- CHE 1301-1101 and 1302-1102
- PHY 1408 or 1420
## Degree Requirement Guide - Bachelor of Arts
### A Suggested Sequence of Required Courses - BA Degrees 2019-2020

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- **Core - Common Course:** These are common courses that are part of the general education requirements for all College of Arts and Sciences (A&S) degrees. All students in A&S must fulfill these requirements. Those areas within the Core that may require multiple semesters are indicated above. The 1000-level Core courses should be taken in the freshman or sophomore years and 2000-level Core courses should typically be taken in the sophomore year or later. Please refer to your degree audit or catalog for a full listing of courses. Please see your assigned advisor for a more detailed explanation.

- **Core - Distribution Lists (DL):** This portion of the A&S Core curriculum includes 9 separate sections with over 200 courses from which to choose. You must complete the specific requirements of each section. Those areas within the DLs that may require multiple semesters are indicated above. One additional section for the 2019-2020 catalog only will be a one-hour Lifetime Fitness course. Please refer to your degree audit or catalog for a full listing of courses. Please see your assigned advisor for a more detailed explanation.

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- **Major Course:** These are the courses that are required for your major. Refer to the catalog or your degree audit for the exact number of hours required for your chosen major(s). The hours for each major will vary slightly. It will be critical that you work with your assigned academic advisor to understand the sequencing of these major courses.

- **Elective:** Because of the number of electives that are available with many BA majors, you may opt for a double major, secondary major, minor(s) or certificate(s) with the BA degree. The number of upper level (3000-4000) electives needed to graduate will depend on those upper level classes that are required in the major(s), secondary major, minor(s), certificate(s) and on how many upper level courses you choose to take from the DLs. You will need 36 hours of upper level courses to graduate. Refer to your degree audit or catalog for more information about how you can use your elective hours. Please see your assigned advisor for a more detailed explanation about electives and to ensure you are meeting all requirements for graduation.

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# Degree Requirement Guide - Bachelor of Science

## A Suggested Sequence of Required Courses - BS Degrees 2019-2020

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- **Major (required courses in other fields):** These are courses that are required for your major, but are not in your major department. For example, the Biology major requires you to take courses in other areas such as Chemistry, Math and Physics. The number of courses required in this area will vary depending on your chosen major. Please refer to your degree audit or catalog for a full listing of courses. Please see your assigned advisor for a more detailed explanation.

- **Elective:** Because the number of electives that are available with most BS majors can vary significantly, you will want to discuss the possibility of adding a double major, secondary major, minor(s) or certificate(s) with your assigned advisor. Otherwise, these elective hours can be any 1000-4000 level course for which you qualify to register. Please refer to your catalog for a full listing of classes. Please see your assigned advisor for a more detailed explanation.