



Alignment of Degree Programs

CIP Code & Title: 42.0101 Psychology, General

Level: Bachelor's

Area of Strategic Emphasis: None

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology offers students a well-rounded liberal arts education, relevant to many areas of study both inside and outside of the social and behavioral sciences. The program provides excellent training for qualified students who wish to pursue graduate work in such disciplines as Clinical, Cognitive and Neural Sciences or Industrial Psychology, Education, Gerontology, Counseling, Management, Medicine, Law, and other human service programs. The undergraduate program emphasizes the breadth of psychology while allowing students electives to pursue a particular aspect of the field in-depth.

CURRICULUM:

A. Student Learning Outcomes:

Goal 1: Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

- 1a. Outcome: Students will be able to describe the key concepts in Psychology.
- 1b. Outcome: Students will be able to describe the key content areas in Psychology.

Goal 2: Communication Skills

- 2a. Outcome: Students will be able to communicate ideas, methods, and results via written reports, including effective use of tables, graphs, and figures.
- 2b. Outcome: Students will be able to verbally express concepts and data clearly.

Goal 3: Critically Evaluate Information and Claims

- 3a. Outcome: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate information quality from different kinds of source and describe biases present in information evaluation.
- 3b. Outcome: Students will be able to demonstrate how data and statistics can be used to selectively support or refute assertions.

Goal 4: Analyze Data and Interpret Data

- 4a. Outcome: Students will be able to demonstrate the correct application and interpretation of statistics, including the use of appropriate software packages.
- 4b. Outcome: Students will be able to identify dependent and independent variables and select appropriate statistical tests.

Goal 5: Practice Ethical Awareness

- 5a. Outcome: Students will be able to apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and identify ethical problems in research and in clinical practice.
- 5b. Outcome: Students will become IRB certified to conduct ethical research with human participants.

B. Admission Standards for the Program:

B1. University Admissions: Admission to the University is based on the University’s Undergraduate Admission Requirements that may be found by clicking on the following urls:

- **Freshman:** <https://www.usf.edu/admissions/freshmen/admission-information/requirements-deadlines.aspx>
- **Transfer:** <https://www.usf.edu/admissions/transfer/admission-information/index.aspx>
- **International:** <https://www.usf.edu/admissions/international/admission-information/index.aspx>

C. Graduation Requirements for the Program:

Satisfactory completion of the following requirements:

- General Education Program (36 credit hours), including State Core General Education, State Computation and State Communication;
- Minimum of 120 unduplicated credit hours;
- A minimum adjusted grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on all coursework taken at USF and an overall 2.0 GPA average on all college-level coursework;
- Major and college requirements in a chosen degree program;
- Nine credit hours of coursework taken during the summer term(s) (if entered USF with less than 60 credit hours);
- Registration and successful completion of at least thirty (30) of the last sixty (60) credit hours;
- 42 credit hours of upper-level coursework;
- Civics Literacy;
- Foreign language admissions coursework.

D. Curricular Framework:

D1. State Mandated Common Prerequisites:

State Mandated	Credits	USF Course	Credits
BSC X0XX, BSC X20X or ZOO X010	3	BSC 2010 Cellular Processes or BSC 1005 Biological Principles for Non Majors	3
PSY X012	3	PSY 2012 Introduction to Psychological Science	3
PSY XXXX or CLP XXXX or DEP XXXX or EAB XXXX or EXP XXXX or INP XXXX or PCO XXXX or PPE XXXX or PSB XXXX or	3	CLP 2001 Psychology of Adjustment or DEP 2004 The Life Cycle or INP 2101 Applied Psychology	3

SOP XXXX			
STA XXXX	3	STA 2023 Introductory Statistics I or STA 2122 Social Science Statistics	3
Total Credit Hours	12	Total Credit Hours	12

D2. Required Courses: (22 credit hours)

D2a. Major Core Courses: 2 courses; 7 credit hours

- PSY 3204 Psychological Statistics (3)
- PSY 3213 Research Methods in Psychology (4)

D2b. Other Required Courses: 5 courses; 15 credit hours

After the introductory Psychology requirements have been successfully met (PSY 3204 and PSY 3213), students may choose among courses within the following categories to satisfy this requirement:

Methods Course: (1 course; 3 credit hours)

- CLP 4433 Psychological Tests and Measurement (3)
- PSY 4205 Experimental Design and Analysis (3)

Cognitive and Neural Sciences (2 courses; 6 credit hours)

- EXP 4204C Perception (3)
- EXP 4404 Psychology of Learning (3)
- PSB 4004C Physiological Psychology (3)
- EXP 4304 Motivation (3)
- EXP 4680C Cognitive Psychology (3)

Social/Applied Psychology (2 courses; 6 credit hours)

- CLP 4143 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- INP 4004 Industrial Psychology (3)
- SOP 4004 Social Psychology (3)
- DEP 4053 Developmental Psychology (3)
- PPE 4003 Personality (3)

D3. Major (Restricted) Electives: (9 credit hours)

Students complete a Psychology program of study or one of two concentrations: Diversity or Advanced Research Experience in Psychology.

D3a. General Psychology Major Electives: 3 courses; 9 credit hours

Choose nine credit hours from the following list of courses:

- CBH 4004 Comparative Psychology (3)
- CLP 4134 Abnormal Child Psychology (3)
- CLP 4314 Health Psychology (3)
- CLP 4414 Behavior Modification (3)
- CLP 4941 Community Practicum in Selected Topics (3)
- EXP 4640 Psychology of Language (3)

- GEY 4612 Psychology of Aging (3)
- IDS 4942 Community Internship (1-4)
- SOP 4450 Psychology of Religion (3)
- SOP 4702 Psychology of Gender (3)
- SOP 4723 Cross-Cultural Psychology (3)
- SOP 4744 Women's Mental Health (3)
- SOP 4751 Psychology Applied to Law (3)
- SOP 4777 Psychology of Human Sexuality (3)
- PSB 3444 Drugs and Behavior (3)
- PSB 3842 Sleep and Dreams (3)
- PSY 4215 Discovering Research in Psychology (3)
- PSY 4913 Directed Study (1-3)
- PSY 4931 Selected Topics: Seminar (3)
- PSY 4938 Pro Seminar (3)

D3b. Diversity Concentration (3 courses; 9 credit hours)

Concentration Core: 2 courses; 6 credit hours

Choose from the following list of courses:

- SOP 4702 Psychology of Gender (3)
- SOP 4723 Cross Cultural Psychology (3)
- SOP 4777 Psychology of Human Sexuality (3)
- SOP 4450 Psychology of Religion (3)
- SOP 4744 Women's Mental Health (3)

Concentration Elective: 1 course; 3 credit hours

Choose 1 course (3 credit hours) of additional Psychology coursework, in consultant with an advisor.

D3c. Advanced Research Experience in Psychology Concentration (3 courses; 9 credit hours)

Concentration Core: 1 course; 3 credit hours

- PSY 4205 Experimental Design and Analysis (3)

Concentration Electives: 2 courses; 6 credit hours

Chooses one of the following courses:

- PSY 4938 Pro Seminar (3)
- PSY 4215 Discovering Research in Psychology (3)
- PSY 4913 Directed Study (3)

AND

- Choose 1 course (3 credit hours) of additional Psychology coursework, in consultant with an advisor.*

*Note: Choose one course (3 credit hours) of additional Psychology coursework. However, if STA 2023 or STA 2122 is substituted for PSY 3204 and a student declares the Advanced Research Experience in Psychology concentration, the student will be required to take PSY 3204 which will replace these three credit hours.

D6. Sequenced Course of Study:

- An exclamation mark (!) is indicated for any course and/or placeholder that must be taken in sequence and/or in the semester listed.
- Course Type refers to how the course is utilized in the degree program, e.g., Supporting, Major Core, Business Foundation, etc. It also includes “placeholder” information such as: Civics Literacy Test, Apply for Graduation.
- General Education Course Type refers to the General Education core area the course meets.

D6a. 8-Semester Plan for FTIC Students

Fall 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	ENC 1101		No	Yes	State Core General Education Communication	3
	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	Enhanced General Education Human and Cultural Diversity	3
!	PSY 2012		Yes	Yes	State Core General Education Social Sciences	3
	STA 2023		Yes	Yes	State Core General Education Mathematics	3
	CLP 2001 or DEP 2004 or INP 2101		Yes	No		3
	Placeholder: Civics Literacy Exam		No	No		
Total Semester Credit Hours:						15

Spring 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	ENC 1102		No	Yes	Enhanced General Education	3
	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	State Core General Education Humanities	3
	BSC 2010 or BSC 1005		Yes	Yes	State Core General Education Natural Sciences	3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
!	PSY 3204	Major Core	No	Yes	State Computation	3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						15

Summer 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total

Total Term Credit Hours:	0
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Fall 2						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
!	PSY 3213	Major Core	No	Yes	Enhanced General Education Information and Digital Literacy	4
	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	Enhanced General Education Creative Thinking	3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						16

Spring 2						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	CLP 4433 or PSY 4205	Other Required	No	No		3
	Cognitive/ Neural Sciences	Other Required	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
	Social/ Applied PSY	Other Required	No	No		3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						12

Summer 2						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective/Concentration	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
Total Term Credit Hours:						9

Fall 3						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	XXX XXXX	Foreign Language Exit	No	No		4
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective/Concentration	No	No		3

XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No	3
Social/ Applied PSY	Other Required	No	No	3
Total Semester Credit Hours:				13

Spring 3						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	XXX XXXX	Foreign Language Exit	No	No		4
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective/Concentration	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						13

Summer 3						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
Total Term Credit Hours:						0

Fall 4						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	Cognitive/ Neural Sciences	Other Required	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	Enhanced General Education Ethical Reasoning and Civic Engagement Capstone	3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						15

Spring 4						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	General Education Course Type	Total
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3

	XXX XXXX		No	Yes	Enhanced General Education High Impact Practice Capstone	3
!		Placeholder: Apply for Graduation				
Total Semester Credit Hours:						12

Total Degree Program Credit Hours:						120
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D6b. 4-Semester Plan for FCS AA Transfer Students

Fall 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	Intentionally Left Blank	Total
!	PSY 3213	Major Core	No	No		4
	XXX XXXX	Foreign Language Exit	No	No		4
!	PSY 3204	Major Core	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						14

Spring 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	Intentionally Left Blank	Total
	CLP 4433 or PSY 4205	Other Required	No	No		3
	Cognitive/Neural Sciences	Other Required	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective/Concentration	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Foreign Language Exit	No	No		4
Total Semester Credit Hours:						16

Summer 1						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	Intentionally Left Blank	Total
Total Term Credit Hours:						0

Fall 2						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	Intentionally Left Blank	Total
	Cognitive/Neural Sciences	Other Required	No	No		3
	Social/Applied PSY	Other Required	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective/Concentration	No	No		3
Total Semester Credit Hours:						15

Spring 2						
!	Current Course Prefix and Number	Course Type	State Mandated Common Prerequisite	Enhanced General Education Requirement	Intentionally Left Blank	Total
	Social/Applied PSY	Other Required	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Major Elective/Concentration	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	Upper-Level Elective	No	No		3
	XXX XXXX	General/Unrestricted Elective	No	No		3
		Placeholder: Apply for Graduation				
Total Semester Credit Hours:						15

Total Credit Hours:	60
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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Unless stated otherwise, a grade of C- is the minimum acceptable grade in the common prerequisite courses.
- Continuation Requirements: PSY 3204 or other approved statistics course is the prerequisite to PSY 3213.
- No more than a total of three (3) credit hours of the following courses may count toward the major:
 - PSY 4913 Directed Study
 - PSY 4970 Honors Thesis
 - CLP 4941 Community Practicum
 - IDS 4942 Community Internship
- PSY 4931 Select Topics, may be repeated three (3) times for credit under three different topics.
- The following courses do not count toward the major requirements:
 - DEP 3103 Child Psychology
 - SOP 3742 Psychology of Women
 - SYP 3000 Social Psychology
 - PSY 4932 Honors Seminar
 - PSY 4974 Honors Psychology – Second Seminar

NOTES:

- No changes in the State Mandated Common Prerequisite courses.
- Do not anticipate any significant increase in students and the student to faculty ratio post consolidation is expected to be stable.