Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Psychology

Why study psychology?
Because the understanding of mind, behavior, and the human experience is best achieved through the rigorous application of the scientific method.

Admission to the Major
Admission Requirements
Application term
Students should apply to the major during the semester in which major admission criteria will be completed; normally no later than 60 hours, or for transfer students, normally during the initial term at KU. Application to this major after completion of 60 hours, or the initial KU term for transfer students, will likely delay graduation.

Courses Required
Orientation Seminar in Psychology Satisfied by:
PSYC 102 Orientation Seminar in Psychology 1

General Psychology. Satisfied by:
PSYC 104 General Psychology 3
or PSYC 105 General Psychology, Honors

Research Methods in Psychology or Statistics in Psychological Research. Satisfied by one of the following:
PSYC 200 Research Methods in Psychology
or PSYC 201 Research Methods in Psychology, Honors
PSYC 210 Statistics in Psychological Research
or PSYC 211 Statistics in Psychological Research, Honors

Core Psychology Course. Satisfied by one of the following:
PSYC 318 Cognitive Psychology 3
or PSYC 319 Cognitive Psychology, Honors
PSYC 333 Child Development
or PSYC 334 Child Development, Honors
PSYC 350 Abnormal Psychology
or PSYC 351 Abnormal Psychology, Honors
PSYC 360 Social Psychology
or PSYC 361 Social Psychology, Honors
PSYC 370 Behavioral Neuroscience
or PSYC 371 Behavior Neuroscience, Honors
PSYC 375 Cognitive Neuroscience
PSYC 380 Clinical Neuroscience
or PSYC 381 Clinical Neuroscience, Honors

Must complete at least 1 but not more than 3 of the psychology core courses in order to apply to the psychology major.

Admission GPA
A minimum 2.5 GPA is required in all courses listed above that have been completed at the time of application to the major. University Course Repeat Policy will apply.

Requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. Major
B.A. or B.G.S. Major in Psychology
Psychology Major Course Requirements
Psychology Prerequisite or Co-Requisite Knowledge (3)
Majors must complete courses as specified in each of the following area. These hours do not contribute to the minimum number of hours required for the major.
College Algebra or Pre-Calculus. Satisfied by:
MATH 101 College Algebra 3
or MATH 104 Precalculus Mathematics

Psychology Core Knowledge and Skills (25)
Majors must complete a course in each of the following 9 areas:
Orientation Seminar in Psychology. Satisfied by:
PSYC 102 Orientation Seminar in Psychology 1
General Psychology. Satisfied by:
PSYC 104 General Psychology 3
or PSYC 105 General Psychology, Honors
Research Methods in Psychology. Satisfied by:
PSYC 200 Research Methods in Psychology 3
or PSYC 201 Research Methods in Psychology, Honors
Statistics in Psychological Research. Satisfied by:
PSYC 210 Statistics in Psychological Research 3
or PSYC 211 Statistics in Psychological Research, Honors

Note: A student may not take more than 3 of the following core courses before being admitted to the major.

Cognitive Psychology. Satisfied by:
PSYC 318 Cognitive Psychology 3
or PSYC 319 Cognitive Psychology, Honors

Child Development. Satisfied by:
PSYC 333 Child Development 3
or PSYC 334 Child Development, Honors

Abnormal Psychology. Satisfied by:
PSYC 350 Abnormal Psychology 3
or PSYC 351 Abnormal Psychology, Honors

Behavioral Neuroscience. Satisfied by:
PSYC 370 Behavioral Neuroscience 3
or PSYC 371 Behavior Neuroscience, Honors

Cognitive Neuroscience
PSYC 375 Cognitive Neuroscience
PSYC 380 Clinical Neuroscience
or PSYC 381 Clinical Neuroscience, Honors

Biological Psychology. One course required:
PSYC 370 Behavioral Neuroscience
PSYC 371 Behavior Neuroscience, Honors
PSYC 375 Cognitive Neuroscience
PSYC 380 Clinical Neuroscience
PSYC 381 Clinical Neuroscience, Honors

The undergraduate advisory committee evaluates applications. Students providing documentation of meeting the criteria are admitted when they apply. Faculty members are aware of the dangers associated with relying solely on grade-point average in selecting students. The department is committed to promoting cultural diversity in its programs, and the undergraduate advisory committee is guided by principles of affirmative action.
Majors must complete 12 hours, at least 6 of these hours must be completed with courses numbered 300 or higher.

**Psychology Major Hours & Major GPA**

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

**Major Hours**
Satisfied by 37 hours of major courses. Note: No more than 3 hours of PSYC 480, PSYC 481, or PSYC 483 may count toward the minimum hours required for the major. (No more than a 6-hour combination of these courses may be counted toward the major.)

**Major Hours in Residence**
Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior (300+) Hours**
Satisfied by a minimum of 21 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA**
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

A sample 4-year plan for the BA degree in Psychology can be found here: Psychology (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/psychology/ba-bgs-psychology/ba), or by using the left-side navigation.

Sample 4-year plans for the BGS degree in Psychology and the BS in Behavioral Neuroscience will be coming soon.

**Departmental Honors**

Students may inquire about departmental honors as soon as they are admitted to the undergraduate major. The department website (http://psych.ku.edu) has details. Participation usually begins in the senior year. A 3.25 grade-point average overall and a 3.5 grade-point average in psychology courses are required. Students follow individualized courses of study arranged through the director. Students who complete PSYC 460, individual research, and a paper under the direction of an instructor may graduate with departmental honors.