Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Psychology

See here for more information (https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/#undergraduatetext) on the difference between a BA and a BGS.

Psychology examines all aspects of human behavior: Why do people behave the way they do? What makes people happy or unhappy? What are the relationships between the mind and the brain? Majoring in psychology allows you to explore the behavior of people and how their minds work, and then apply that knowledge to the modern world.

Students have many reasons for wanting to major in psychology. Some are simply fond of observing the behavior of others around them, fascinated with the results of their observations and curious to learn why people behave as they do. Some plan to become psychologists themselves or to enter one of the many professions where a background in psychology can be useful -- such as, business, teaching, medicine, nursing, law, social work, the ministry, counseling, student services, child development, administration, or human resources.

Our department offers a wide variety of psychology courses (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/psychology/#courseinventory) from which to choose and additional experiences and opportunities are available beyond the classroom. There are many chances to engage in extracurricular enrichment, including Psi Chi (http://psych.ku.edu/psi-chi/), a research-focused Honors Program (http://honors.ku.edu/), research assistantships and volunteer opportunities in faculty labs (http://psych.ku.edu/undergraduate-research/).

Our scientific approach to understanding human behavior equips students with a solid foundation of analytical, research and interpersonal skills for careers in many fields with a human service emphasis.

Learn more about career paths available to psychology majors:
What are you going to do with that degree? (http://benschmidt.org/jobs/)
Where do college graduates work? (https://www.census.gov/dataviz/visualizations/stem/stem-html/)

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (http://admissions.ku.edu/) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (http://www.iss.ku.edu/) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (http://credittransfer.ku.edu/) website.

Requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. Major

Psychology Major Course Requirements

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Psychology Required Electives

Majors must complete 9 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 24 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.

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

### Departmental Honors

Students may inquire about departmental honors as soon as they are admitted to the undergraduate major. The department website (https://psychology.ku.edu/psychology-undergraduate-program/) has details. Participation usually begins in the senior year. Students interested in participating in the honors program MUST have faculty approval prior to enrolling in classes their senior year to ensure all criteria has been met. A 3.5 grade-point average in psychology courses is 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.