

Psychology

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior, thought, and emotion. Psychology is an extremely broad discipline, involving areas as diverse as biology and philosophy. The field of psychology includes areas such as social (the influence of groups on individuals), developmental (issues related to childhood and the aging process), abnormal (unusual or maladaptive behavior), and cognitive (thought, language and perception) psychology.

The psychology program is designed to provide students with exposure to the many different fields of psychology. In addition to an exposure to psychology, students learn problem-solving techniques through the program's focus on research and analysis of human behavior in experimental research and statistics courses.

A liberal arts emphasis provides students with the opportunity to study psychology and its relationships with other fields such as sociology, philosophy, and biology. At the same time, the student-faculty ratio and the focus on experimental methods allow students to formulate and test their own ideas about human behavior. In addition, Lees-McRae College provides students with unique internship opportunities in a rural, Appalachian setting.

The psychology major has broad application beyond graduation. Psychology majors may choose from careers in human resources, advertising, sales, business management, and health services. In addition to preparing students for graduate study in psychology and social work, the psychology program prepares students for graduate work in other areas such as law, theology, educational psychology, and business administration.

Psychology Requirements:

- General Education Requirements
- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Requirements
- Major Requirements
- Electives

Total Credit Hours | 120

General Education Requirements

See details in the General Education section of the catalog.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements

Proficiency in a foreign language, demonstrated through:

- Graduation from a high school where all instruction was conducted in a language other than English;
- Passing a CLEP or other designated examination at the intermediate level;
- Completion of one of the College's language sequences through the intermediate level (non-Spanish). Intermediate level proficiency (for students enrolled in Spanish) will be demonstrated by the successful completion of SPA 211 or a higher level 3-hour SPA course.

OR

Bachelor of Science Requirements

6-8 additional hours in math or science, not duplicating core coursework, taken from:

Prefix	Course Number
BIO	101, 102, 105, 114, 115, 121, 122
CHM	101, 111
MAT	111, 112, 116, 117, 215, 220, 227
PHY	101, 111, 112
SCI	211

Empirical Core | Required 12 Credit Hours

Class Name	Credit Hours
PSY 133 General Psychology	3 credit hours
PSY 265 Statistics for the Social Sciences OR	3 credit hours
MAT 215 Statistics	3 credit hours
PSY 380 Research Methods	3 credit hours
PSY 499 Senior Research Seminar	3 credit hours

Foundations | Select at least 15 hours

Class Name	Credit Hours
PSY 202 Abnormal Psychology OR	3 credit hours
PSY 353 Child Psychopathology	3 credit hours
PSY 203 Social Psychology	3 credit hours
PSY 204 Theories of Personality	3 credit hours
PSY 253 Child Development OR	3 credit hours
PSY 201 Human Growth and Development	3 credit hours
PSY 310 Brain and Behavior	3 credit hours
PSY 323 Principles of Learning	3 credit hours
PSY 333 Cognitive Psychology	3 credit hours
PSY 373 Psychological Testing	3 credit hours

Electives | Select up to 12 hours

Class Name	Credit Hours
PSY 210 Helping Skills	3 credit hours
PSY 211 Courtship and Relationships	3 credit hours
PSY 230 Industrial/Organizational Psychology	3 credit hours
PSY 255 Death, Dying and Bereavement	3 credit hours
PSY 273 Forensic Psychology	3 credit hours
PSY 363 Psychopharmacology	3 credit hours
PSY 471 Psychology Internship	3 credit hours

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Minor

The psychology minor requires 21 credit hours beyond general education and degree requirements.

Required Courses | 3 Credit Hours

Class Name	Credit Hours
PSY 133 General Psychology	3 credit hours

Elective Courses | 18 Credit Hours

Select an additional 18 hours in psychology at or above the 200 level (at least 3 of the 18 hours must be at the 300 level or higher). Students may count either PSY 201 or PSY 253 toward requirements, but not both.