

Psychology

Human psychology is the result of biological, developmental, emotional, cognitive, and social processes. Psychologists study these processes through the application of the scientific method and apply their findings to better understand human behavior.

While lecture and reading assignments are part of every course, faculty in the department encourage students to be active participants in learning through laboratory and case study projects. The three junior/senior capstone courses are practicums emphasizing the integration and application of theory and concepts, ethics, oral and written communication, and research methodology.

Cal Lutheran's Psychology Department has a chapter of Psi Chi, an international honor society for psychology majors, and each year several of our students receive support to present their research projects at regional and national conferences.

The bachelor's degree in psychology is excellent preparation for graduate work in psychology, law and business. With a bachelor's degree, employment opportunities can be found in psychiatric rehabilitation programs, as research assistants and in the business world. Those with master's degrees may work in clinics and institutions, teach at a two-year college or work as school psychologists and counselors. For some clinical and research work, a doctorate is required.

Cal Lutheran offers master of science degrees in clinical psychology and counseling psychology with a specialization in marital and family therapy as well as a PsyD degree in Psychology.

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

36 credits minimum; 24 credits upper division.

Required Courses

PSYC 200	General Psychology	4
PSYC 222	Abnormal Psychology	4
PSYC 312	Research Design and Statistics I	4
PSYC 313	Research Design and Statistics II	4
PSYC 331	Physiological Psychology	4
Select one of the following:		4
PSYC 304	Child and Adolescent Development	
PSYC 305	Adult Development and Aging	
PSYC 325	Theories of Personality	
PSYC 401	Social Psychology	
Select one of the following:		4
PSYC 315	Principles of Learning and Memory	
PSYC 321	Human Cognition	
PSYC 340	History and Systems of Psychology	
PSYC 416	Social Learning Theory	
Select one of the following:		4
PSYC 430	Applied Psychology Practicum	
PSYC 435	Counseling and Psychotherapy	
PSYC 494	Clinical Practicum	
Psychology Elective Course (lower or upper division)		4
Total Hours		36

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

44 credits minimum; 32 credits upper division.

Required Courses

PSYC 200	General Psychology	4
PSYC 222	Abnormal Psychology	4
PSYC 312	Research Design and Statistics I	4
PSYC 313	Research Design and Statistics II	4
PSYC 331	Physiological Psychology	4
PSYC 412	Advanced Research Design and Statistics	4

PSYC 495	Research Practicum (capstone)	4
Select one of the following:		4
PSYC 304	Child and Adolescent Development	
PSYC 305	Adult Development and Aging	
PSYC 325	Theories of Personality	
PSYC 401	Social Psychology	
Select one of the following:		4
PSYC 315	Principles of Learning and Memory	
PSYC 321	Human Cognition	
PSYC 340	History and Systems of Psychology	
PSYC 416	Social Learning Theory	
Two Psychology Elective Courses (at least 4 credits upper division)		8
Total Hours		44

Minor in Psychology

19 credits, 12 credits upper division.

PSYC 200	General Psychology	4
Three Upper Division Psychology Courses		12
Psychology Elective Credits (lower or upper division)		3
Total Hours		19

Emphasis Area Option:

Because psychology may be applied to a wide range of human endeavors, students may add an emphasis area to the B.A. or B.S. to increase their marketability at graduation. Students select courses from an approved list of interdisciplinary courses to complete one of the following emphasis areas: Behavioral/Clinical Applications, Business/Organizational Applications, Family and Child Development, Health and Wellness Applications, Law and Criminal Behavior Applications, Psychobiology, Sports Psychology Applications.

Candidates for a California Secondary Teaching Credential should contact the School of Education Office for a complete list of course requirements for a Single Subject Waiver in Social Science.