Psychology, Bachelor of Arts (760P, 760)

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Psychology Major: The Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree in Psychology
The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Psychology (https://www.wku.edu/psychology/programs/undergraduate/major_requirements16-17.php) is a great program for those interested in helping others and who want to understand why people behave the way they do. The BA program is suitable for those interested in pursuing specific career paths in psychology including clinical, counseling, and school as well as other related applied areas of psychology like forensic and sport psychology.

The BA program offers students flexibility in their programs of study allowing them to select courses specific to their future interests that will make them more attractive to employers and graduate programs. The BA program also maintains a liberal arts focus by exposing students to coursework in related fields like Gerontology, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Philosophy. Ultimately, students pursuing the BA degree in Psychology develop objective and deep understanding of human behavior and mental processes as well as strong critical thinking and data analysis skills, all of which are valuable in any field one chooses to enter following graduation.

Program Requirements (34-53 hours)
The general major in psychology requires a minimum of 34 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. A minor, second major, or the sport psychology concentration is required. At least half of the program must be in upper division courses (numbered 300 or above). The major is restricted to students with a minimum composite ACT of 20 (or equivalent SAT) or a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 after 30 plus hours.

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php.

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php. (https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php)

Core Courses for Major and Concentrations

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<td>MATH 183</td>
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<td>PHIL 215</td>
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Another mathematics course that satisfies the mathematics Colonnade Quantitative Reasoning requirement ¹

Total Hours 13

¹ Excluding MATH 109
² A "C" or higher is required in PSY 100, PSY 210, and PSY 211.

General Psychology (without Concentration)
The general psychology major requires 34 hours. The following courses are required in addition to the core courses:

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Psychology Electives
Select any courses with at least 6 hours in courses numbered 300 or above ¹

Total Hours 21

¹ With the exception of PSY 175 or PSY 310
### Forensic Psychology Concentration

The forensic psychology concentration requires 40 hours. The following courses are required in addition to the core courses:

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#### Foundations of Behaviors

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- PSY 331: Psychology of Learning
- PSY 412: Psychology of Motivation and Emotion
- PSY 436: Applied Cognitive Psychology
- PSYS 333: Cognitive Psychology
- PSYS 363: Sensory and Perceptual Systems
- PSYS 450: Psychology of Personality

#### Group Behavior

Select one of the following:

- PSY 350: Social Psychology
- PSY 355: Issues in Cross-Cultural Psychology
- PSY 371: The Psychology of Sales Behavior
- PSY 470: Psychology and Law
- PSYS 370: Industrial / Organizational Psychology

#### Behavioral Change

Select one of the following:

- PSY 340: Sport Psychology
- PSY 440: Abnormal Psychology
- PSY 442: Beginning Skills in Psychological Interviewing
- PSY 443: Behavior Modification
- PSY 445: Introduction to Clinical and School Psychology

#### Forensic Psychology Concentration Courses

- PSY 350: Social Psychology
- PSY 440: Abnormal Psychology
- PSY 470: Psychology and Law

#### Additional Electives

Select two of the following:

- CRIM 101: Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRIM 456: Homicide and Serial Homicide
- PHIL 211: Why Are Bad People Bad?
- PS 220: Judicial Process

Total Hours: 27

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### Sport Psychology Concentration

The sport psychology concentration requires 53 hours. The following courses are required in addition to the core courses:

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- PSYS 370: Industrial / Organizational Psychology
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- PSY 470: Psychology and Law

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- PSY 442: Beginning Skills in Psychological Interviewing
- PSY 443: Behavior Modification
- PSY 445: Introduction to Clinical and School Psychology

#### Sport Psychology Concentration Courses

- PSY 340: Sport Psychology
- PSY 412: Psychology of Motivation and Emotion
- PSY 440: Abnormal Psychology

#### Additional Required Courses

- BIOL 131: Human Anatomy and Physiology
- PE 122: Foundations of Kinesiology
- PE 311: Exercise Physiology
- PE 313: Motor Development
- HMD 211: Human Nutrition
- HMD 364: Sports Nutrition

Total Hours: 40

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