

Psychology

Psychology is the study of human behavior while incorporating the use of statistics, biology, neuroscience, culture, and/or health into its theories. A degree in psychology can prepare you for professions in business, social work, counseling, research, or education.

Undergraduate: Students pursuing an undergraduate program in psychology may receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Science (BS) in Psychology. Both the BA and BS degrees provide well-rounded academic programs, including general education course requirements in social science and humanities for the BA degree and hard or natural sciences for the BS degree. A sample of courses available at the undergraduate level includes Social Psychology, Cross-Cultural Psychology, Alcohol and Addictions, Qualitative Research Methods, Statistical Analyses, Cognitive Psychology, and Child Development.

Graduate: Students pursuing a graduate program in psychology may earn a Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MS) or Doctoral degree (PhD) in Psychology. Degree titles vary by institution and academic program. Graduate students usually will choose among a variety of degree concentrations in the field of psychology such as Clinical, Counseling, Child Development, Cross-Cultural, Spiritual, Health, School, Industrial-Organizational, Neurology, Social, and Experimental Psychology. A sample of courses available at the graduate level include Judgment and Decision Making, Statistics, Moral Thinking, Introductory Practicum, Advanced Practicum, Psychodiagnostic Interview, Evolution, Culture, and Behavior, and Mathematical Foundations for Language and Communication Studies.

Occupations in Psychology:

With a degree in psychology, consider your professional opportunities as a School Therapist, Researcher, Professor, Business Consultant, Social Worker, Psychiatrist, and Psychologist.

Choosing a Psychology Program:

If you are considering continuing your education in this field, you should become familiar with academic trends and current developments. Utilize current literature and consider the existing research of professors in matching your academic and career goals with the right institutions for you. EducationUSA Centers provide advising services and a diverse collection of materials to assist students searching for schools and financial aid program. To find the nearest EducationUSA Advising Center, visit www.educationusa.info/centers.php.

In addition to researching regionally accredited colleges and universities which offer study in psychology, prospective students, particularly for graduate-level study, can also identify academic programs with professional accreditation. The professional accrediting organization for the field of psychology is the American Psychological Association (APA), www.apa.org.

Associations and Organizations Affiliated with the Study of Psychology:

- American Psychological Association, www.apa.org
- Association for Psychological Science, www.psychologicalscience.org
- International Association for Relationship Research, www.iarr.org
- International Society of Political Psychology, www.ispp.org
- Society for Judgment and Decision Making, www.sjdm.org
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology, www.spsp.org
- Society for Personality Assessment, www.personality.org





Scholarly Journals Related to the Study of Psychology: American Psychologist, Behavioral Neuroscience, Health Psychology, Motivation and Emotion, Organizational Research Methods, Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, Personal Relationships, Studies in Conflict and Terrorism, and Social Psychology Quarterly.

Undergraduate Program Search Print and Online Resources:

- College Board, www.collegeboard.com
- Search for schools with the College Board's online, "College Matchmaker."
- Read about specific majors and careers using the "Major and Career Profiles" search www.collegeboard.com/csearch/majors_careers/profiles/
- American Psychological Association, www.apa.org

Graduate Program Search Print and Online Resources:

- Peterson's, www.petersons.com
- American Psychological Association, www.apa.org
- Peterson's Graduate Programs in the Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences; Book 2
- American Psychological Association's Graduate Study in Psychology

Scholarships to Study Psychology:

- EducationUSA Financial Aid links, www.educationusa.info/pages/students/finance.php
- Funding U.S. Study, www.fundingusstudy.org
- Peterson's Scholarship Directory, www.petersons.com
- The Fulbright Program, <http://fulbright.state.gov>
- American Psychological Association, www.apa.org/about/awards
- American Psychological Foundation, www.apa.org/apf/funding/scholarships
- Goldman Family Fund, www.goldmanfamilyfund.org/apply.php
- Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund, www.davisputter.org
- Elieen J. Garrett Scholarship, Parapsychology, www.parapsychology.org

If you are interested in pursuing higher education in the U.S. and would like further guidance please contact your local EducationUSA Advising Center