

# **Psychology, B.S.**

## **Program Description**

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. It examines behavior and mental processes in an effort to serve human welfare. The Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Psychology is designed to provide students with strong research, communication, and critical thinking skills. As such, the program requires completion of an Introductory Psychology course, a Careers in Psychology course, three research-focused courses, courses from the primary areas of the discipline, and a senior capstone experience. An undergraduate degree with a major in psychological science provides students with a strong foundation for graduate study in a variety of disciplines. It also provides a broad liberal arts education that can serve as an entry point into bachelor's degree-level careers. Students are encouraged to select courses in consultation with an advisor.



This program is part of the Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

## **Admission, Enrollment, and Graduation Policies**

### Admission Requirements

This program does not have specific admission requirements and only admission to Kennesaw State University is required. For more information, please visit the Admissions section of the Catalog.

### Graduation Requirements

Each student is expected to meet the requirements outlined in Academic Policies 5.0 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & GRADUATION.

## **Program Course Requirements**

### **Core IMPACTS Curriculum (42 Credit Hours)**

General Education Core IMPACTS Curriculum

### ***Statistics Pathway***

This program recommends the Statistics Pathway with students taking the following courses in the General Education Core IMPACTS: STAT 1401 in Mathematics & Quantitative Skills, and DATA 1501 in Applied Math.

**Core Field of Study (18 Credit Hours)**

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses.

**Required Courses (12 Credit Hours)**

- PSYC 1101: Introduction to General Psychology
- PSYC 2103: Introduction to Human Development
- PSYC 2210: Careers in Psychology
- PSYC 2500: Research Methods in Psychological Science

**Elective Courses (6 Credit Hours)**

Select 6 credit hours of 1000–2000 level coursework from the following prefixes: STAT, MATH, BIOL, CHEM, PHYS, IT, TCOM, CSE, DATA.

**Major Field Requirements (21 Credit Hours)**

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses. A maximum of 6 credit hours of PSYC 3398/4498 and a maximum of 6 credit hours of PSYC 4400 can be used in this section.

**Required Courses (6 Credit Hours)**

- PSYC 3000: Statistical Applications in Psychological Science
- PSYC 4100: Advanced Laboratory in Psychological Science

**Diversity and Multicultural Area (3 Credit Hours)**

Select 3 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- PSYC 3355: Cross-Cultural Psychology
- PSYC 3385: Ethnic Minority Psychology
- PSYC 3395: Psychology of Prejudice and Privilege
- PSYC 3425: Psychology of Gender

**Personality and Social Area (3 Credit Hours)**

Select 3 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- PSYC 3325: Social Psychology
- PSYC 3335: Theories of Personality

**Biological Bases Area (3 Credit Hours)**

Select 3 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- PSYC 4410: Physiological Psychology
- PSYC 4415: Perception

### ***Learning and Cognition Area (3 Credit Hours)***

Select 3 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- PSYC 4345: Learning and Behavior
- PSYC 4455: Cognitive Psychology

### ***Senior Capstone Experience\* (3 Credit Hours)***

- \*Prereq: PSYC 4100; submission of an application before registration; and one course from each of the four areas. One of the four areas may be completed concurrently.
- Students must take the ETS Major Field Test as part of the Capstone Experience.
- PSYC 4400 or PSYC 4499 may substitute. Application available in department office.

Choose one of the following:

- PSYC 4498: Capstone Internship in Psychology
- PSYC 4499: Capstone Seminar in Psychology
- PSYC 4500: Capstone Integrative Project

### ***Major Electives (12 Credit Hours)***

Select 12 credit hours of 3000–4000 level PSYC coursework.

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses.

### ***University Electives (27 Credit Hours)***

In accordance with KSU Graduation Policy, students must earn a grade of "D" or better in these courses while maintaining a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.

### ***Upper-Division Electives (12 Credit Hours)***

Select 12 credit hours of 3000–4000 level coursework from the University Catalog.

### ***Free Electives (15 Credit Hours)***

Select 15 credit hours of 1000–4000 level coursework from the University Catalog.

### ***Program Total (120 Credit Hours)***