

# Psychology, BS

## Program Description

The Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Psychology is designed to prepare students to become scientifically literate citizens who are capable of both consuming and participating in scientific research. Successful graduates of the BS in Psychology will be familiar with the major concepts and theories of psychology, along with how to apply these concepts and theories to contemporary scientific inquiry. Students learn how to apply scientific principles toward the advancement of scientific knowledge of a variety of behaviors and mental processes. Through their experiences inside and outside the classroom, students learn to apply what scientific principles of experimentation and critical thinking to learn about humanity, and to appropriately analyze and describe relevant scientific research.

## Program Curriculum

### 120 credits

### Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

General Education Core Requirements ([catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext](https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext))

| Code                         | Title | Hours |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|
| English                      |       | 3-7   |
| Mathematics                  |       | 3-5   |
| American Institutions        |       | 3-6   |
| Life Sciences                |       | 3-10  |
| Physical Sciences            |       | 3-5   |
| Fine Arts                    |       | 3     |
| Literature/Humanities        |       | 3     |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences |       | 3     |
| Exploration                  |       | 3-5   |

| Code         | Title   | Hours |
|--------------|---|-------|
| BIOL 1010    | General Biology (LS) (meets GE Life Science requirement)                        | 3     |
| or BIOL 1200 | Human Biology (LS)  |       |
| or BIOL 1610 | Principles of Biology I (LS)  |       |
| MATH 1040    | Introduction to Statistics (MA) (meets GE Mathematics requirement)              | 3     |
| PSY 1010     | General Psychology (SS, GC) (meets GE Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement) | 3     |
| PSY 1100     | Human Development Through Lifespan (SS, GC)                                     | 3     |
| or FSHD 1500 | Human Development Lifespan (SS, GC)   |       |
| PSY 2000     | Writing in Psychology: APA Style  | 3     |
| PSY 2400     | Psychology of Abnormal Behavior   | 3     |

### Bachelor of Science Requirements

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| PSY 2100 | Cognitive Psychology            | 3 |
| PSY 2500 | Social Psychology               | 3 |
| PSY 3000 | Statistical Methods/Psychology  | 4 |
| PSY 3010 | Research Methods in Psychology  | 4 |
| PSY 3710 | Behavioral Neuroscience         | 3 |
| PSY 4910 | Capstone Research in Psychology | 3 |

### Depth Content Area Requirements

Complete one (1) course each from at least three (3) Depth Content Area categories

Developmental:

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| PSY 3200<br>or PSY 3220<br>or PSY 3230  | Development in Infancy & Childhood<br>Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood<br>Adult Development & Aging  | 3 |
| Cognitive:  |  |   |
| PSY 3712<br>or PSY 4140<br>or PSY 4150  | Human Learning & Memory<br>Cognitive Neuroscience<br>Sensation & Perception  | 3 |
| Clinical:   |  |   |
| PSY 3320<br>or PSY 3440<br>or PSY 4300<br>or PSY 4350   | Introduction to Clinical Psychology<br>Child & Family Mental Health<br>Introduction to Counseling & Psychotherapy<br>Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy | 3 |
| Social:   |  |   |
| PSY 3420<br>or PSY 3700<br>or PSY 4200  | Psy of Culture & Diversity<br>Personality Theory<br>Psychology of Morality   | 3 |
| Neuroscience:   |  |   |
| PSY 3720<br>or PSY 4130<br>Or PSY 4520 Psychobiology  | Psychopharmacology<br>Interpersonal Neuroscience   | 3 |
| <b>Writing Intensive Requirements</b>   |  |   |
| Complete a minimum of 9 credits of Depth Content Area courses that are Writing Intensive (4000-level or higher). These Writing Intensive courses are not required to come from different Depth Content Areas, and the Writing Intensive courses may also fulfill the Depth Content Area requirements. |  |   |
| <b>Psychology Electives</b>   |  |   |
| Complete a minimum of 12 credits of additional PSY courses (9 credits must be upper-division)   |  |   |

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## Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 120 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits (3000 and above).
3. Complete at least 30 upper-division credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
4. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
5. Grade C or higher in each Core Discipline, Research Area, and Psychology Elective course.