

Degree Type – Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Degree Title – Psychology

A college degree in psychology opens the door to one of the most challenging and rewarding professional fields today. Psychology students learn the necessary skills to assist people in improving their mental health; they also gain knowledge and abilities that are valued in many other fields, such as business and politics. At the bachelor's level, psychology graduates are sought in fields like mental health casework statistics, probation and corrections, public relations, health education, social work, human resources, recreational therapy, education, and physician assisting among others.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- 1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the major schools of thought in Psychology. Measurement will involve an embedded question in the final exam.**
- 2. Students will be able to explain the APA ethical guidelines for professional psychology**
- 3. Students will integrate knowledge of research methods, data collection and interpretation of data**
- 4. Students will respect and use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes**

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education Core requirements.

Required**Social and Behavioral Science – 3 hours**

Must be outside Psychology.

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 38 HOURS (18 advanced)**1 – Psychology Core – 20 hours (12 advanced)**

PSYC 2301 General Psychology
PSYC 2102 Orientation for Psychology Majors
PSYC 2401 Basic Statistics for Psychologists
PSYC 3325 Research Methods in Psychology
PSYC 3343 Tests and Measurements in Psychology
PSYC 3353 Physiological Psychology
PSYC 4363 Systems and Theories in Psychology

2 – Psychology Core – 18 hours (6 advanced)

Choose 18 hours in PSYC, of which 6 hours must be advanced.

C – FREE ELECTIVES – 22 HOURS (12 advanced)**D – MINOR – 18 HOURS (12 advanced)****TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS****TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 42 HOURS**

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Graduation requirements

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2015-2017 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.