This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2021 – Spring 2022 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/).

**Bachelor of Science in Psychology**

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/)

Department: Psychological and Brain Sciences (http://louisville.edu/psychology/)

Academic Plan Code(s): PSYCBS

**Program Information**

This degree program is designed to accommodate the needs of majors who intend to pursue careers in health or science fields and includes most of the required course work for a pre-med curriculum. This program requires a demanding sequence of supporting classes in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics beyond the introductory level, as well as increased hours of electives in the major.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department’s Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

**Degree Summary**

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1 Students earning the BS in Psychology will satisfy at least 10 hours of General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program. Students who take MATH 205 and also apply it to satisfy the Quantitative Reasoning requirement will satisfy 14 hours. In either case, students who satisfy General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

2 Four (4) 300+ courses from any other social science or natural science department.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

**Departmental Admission Requirements**

Admission to the major in Psychology requires:

1. Completion of PSYC 201 with a minimum grade of C;
2. Completion of General Education QR course with a minimum grade of C;
3. Completion of PSYC 301 with a minimum grade of C;
4. Completion of PSYC 302 with a minimum grade of C;
5. Completion of 30 hours of degree-applicable credit with a minimum grade point average of 2.0; and
6. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 in Psychology.

The Application for Major form can be found on the Arts & Sciences Advising Center website (http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply/).

1 Grades of C- are not accepted.
2 PSYC 205 does not count towards credit hours required for the Psychology major.

**General Education Requirements**

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The following course is required by the program and can satisfy the respective General Education Requirement:

- PSYC 201 Introduction to Psychology - SB

*All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

**College/School Requirements**

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Psychology CUE course (see list below) 3
PSYC Electives 6.7 18
Minimum Total Hours 42

Code Title Hours

Supporting Courses
300+ Social or Natural Sciences Electives 12
Minimum Electives 17
Minimum Total Hours 29

Requirements for graduation include:

- Admission to the major
- A minimum grade of C minus in courses used to meet departmental requirements in the Psychology major (minimum grade of C required in PSYC 201, PSYC 301 and PSYC 302)
- A minimum GPA of 2.0 in Psychology (PSYC) coursework

Only 60 hours in the major department may be applied toward the Bachelor of Science degree.

At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

Code Title Hours

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)
Requirement fulfilled by completing one of the following:
PSYC 400 Psychology Research and Public Communication - CUE 3
PSYC 407 Community Internships in Psychology - CUE 3
PSYC 410 Giving Psychology Away: Critical Thinking and Public Communication - CUE 3
PSYC 412 Modifying Behavior - CUE 3
PSYC 415 Family Risk, Resilience and Mindfulness - CUE, WR 3
PSYC 417 Child Psychopathology - CUE, WR 3
PSYC 420 History of Psychology: A Socio-Cultural Perspective - CUE, WR 3
PSYC 425 Human Expertise and Achievement - CUE 3
PSYC 430 Psychology of Peace & Ethnic Relations - CUE 3
PSYC 433 Music Perception and Cognition - CUE 3
PSYC 440 Aging: Science and Stories - CUE, WR 3
PSYC 442 Psych of Trauma - CUE, WR 3
PSYC 444 Exploration of Self: Theory and Research - WR, CUE 3
PSYC 492 Undergraduate Psychology Research - CUE 3
PSYC 496 Honors Psychology Thesis - CUE, WR 3


2 Completion of the second semester of a single foreign language; hours will vary depending on the language taken
3 In addition to courses counted toward Cardinal Core
4 May be incorporated into other degree requirements
5 Students should confirm any substitute class with the department prior to enrollment. Students who substitute a statistics course from another department will need to take an additional Psychology elective to complete the required number of Psychology hours for the program.
6 At least 50 of the total minimum hours required for the degree must be at the 300 level or above.
7 Students who satisfy Cardinal Core Requirements by courses defined by the program will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.
8 Grades of C minus or below are not accepted

Flight Plan

Course Title Hours

Year 1
Fall
GEN 100 or GEN 101 Student Success Center First Year Experience 1
ENGL 101 Introduction to College Writing - WC 3
PSYC 201 Introduction to Psychology - SB 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S 3
Hours 16
Spring
ENGL 102 Intermediate College Writing - WC 3
Foreign Language 1 3-4
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities US Diversity - AHD1 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - S and SL or B 4
Hours 13-14

Year 2
Fall
PSYC 301 Statistics for Psychology (minimum grade of C) 3
PSYC 305 Brain and Behavior 3
PSYC 306 Life Span Developmental Psychology 3
Foreign Language 2 3-4
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC 3
Hours 15-16
Spring
PSYC 302 Research Methods for Psychology (minimum grade of C) 3
PSYC 307 Cognitive Processes 3
PSYC 308 Abnormal Psychology 3
PSYC elective (300-level or above) 3
Social or Natural Science Elective (300+ level) 3
Hours 15

Year 3
Fall
Social or Natural Science elective (300+ level or above) 3
Psychology elective (300+ level) 3
Psychology elective (300+ level) 3
Psychology elective (300+ level) 3
Humanities or Natural Science elective (300 level or above) 3
Hours 15
Spring
Psychology elective (300+ level) 3
Social or Natural Science elective (300+ level) 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Diversity - AHD2 3
Humanities or Natural Sciences elective (300+ level) 3
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**Degree Audit Report**

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. What-if reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

**To create either report:**

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Next, click on "View my Degree Audit" to run a Degree Audit report in the Undergraduate Advising area.
4. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, or create a What-if report. (https://ulink.louisville.edu)

**Flight Planner**

Based on your major, the Flight Planner tool may be available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan. The Flight Planner can be found in the ULink Student Center. Consult with your advisor for assistance with the Flight Planner.