

# B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY

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## Overview

The B.A. in Psychology acquaints students with many of the key concepts, theories, principles, trends, and applications of ideas in the field of psychology today. Since an understanding of the pervasiveness and impact of trauma on individuals and groups is critical to the field of psychology, we have infused a trauma-informed approach to psychology into the curriculum, which is a hallmark of our program. Completion of the B.A. in Psychology prepares graduates for entry-level positions in many people-helping careers in mental health, social services, and related fields. Students who complete this degree with the required GPA will have met the basic academic requirements for application to Bethel's graduate degrees in counseling, marriage and family therapy, and social work.

## Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the psychology program, students will:

1. Describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology.
2. Interpret basic psychological research.
3. Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological sciences and practice.
4. Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes.
5. Apply psychological content and skills to career goals.
6. Engage in constructive dialogue, acquiring greater understanding of how faith and psychology each informs the other and the tensions between the two.

## Admission Requirements

The psychology major will consider applicants who:

- Meet the general requirements (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/admission/general-requirements-admission-caps/>) for admission to the College of Adult & Professional Studies.
- Have a combined cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale on previous academic work.
- Have a transcript evaluation completed to determine which, if any, outstanding course requirements or needed credits must be fulfilled.

Students who have not achieved the minimum GPA, grade standards, or other assessment criteria may still apply to be considered for provisional acceptance. See *Admission Categories*.

# Degree Requirements

## B.A. in Psychology

The required curriculum for the psychology major comprises a 46 semester credit sequence of courses to be taken consecutively throughout the calendar year.

Code	Title	Credits
ADST 445	Counseling Microskills	4
PSYC 100	Introduction to Psychology 1	2
PSYC 102	Introduction to Psychology 2	2
PSYC 205	Lifespan Development	4
PSYC 220	Social Psychology	4
PSYC 330	Racial Trauma	4
PSYC 335	Introduction to Statistics	4
PSYC 340	Psychopathology	4
PSYC 345	The Body's Response to Trauma	2
PSYC 350	Trauma Informed Care	4
PSYC 380	Motivation and Emotion	4
PSYC 400	Research Methods	4
PSYC 480	Internship and Seminar	2
PSYC 490	Senior Seminar	2
Psychology Major Total		46
General Education, Core Distinctives, and Elective Courses		76
Total Credits		122

\* Course must be taken for credit at Bethel.

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