

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology is concerned with the scientific study of human behavior, thought, and emotions. Psychology students investigate these areas within the context of various fields of psychology, from a Christ centered world view. The ultimate goal of the study of psychology at Williams is the empathetic understanding of human behavior applied in servant leadership to others. This degree is designed for those psychology students preparing for graduate school and for careers in such areas as clinical, counseling, general-experimental, social work, or business. Upon completion of this degree,

- Students will be able to explain psychological concepts from a foundation of a scientific understanding and a Christian worldview.
- Students will be able to Apply psychological concepts to the self (we are made in God’s image), to the community, the larger society, and world (demonstrating God’s commandment to love one another).
- Students will be able to create quantitative scientific research.
- Students will be prepared to be successful in graduate school and/or upon entering the workforce upon graduation.

General Education Requirements (44 hrs.)

The Biblical World (6 hrs.)

The Biblical Story	3 hrs.
The Christian Worldview	3 hrs.

The Cultural World (15 hrs.)

English Composition I and II	6 hrs.
World Literature I or II	3 hrs.
Humanities electives (choose two)	6 hrs.

(Speech communication, art appreciation, music appreciation, theater appreciation, or philosophy)

The Social World (9 hrs.)

American History & Politics	3 hrs.
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(U.S. History Before 1865 or Since 1865 or Am. Govt.)

The West & Global Cultures	3 hrs.
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(Western Civilization I or II or World Geography)

Social Sciences	3 hrs.
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(Sociology or American Government)

The Natural World (14 hrs.)

Health and Physical Education	4 hrs.
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(one hour must be physical activity)

Natural science and mathematics	10 hrs.
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(Must include at least one chemistry, biological science, or physical science course with a laboratory class, and one mathematics course MT1133 or higher, and excluding MT1123 Intermediate Algebra, MT 3133 Math for Teachers I, MT 4123 Math for Teachers II, GS 3213 Science for Teachers: K-6, and GS 3233 Science for Teachers: 4-8. MT 1123 Intermediate Algebra may be required if Math ACT score is less than 19. The mathematics requirement may be waived if Math ACT is 28 or higher.)

Electives (16 hrs.)

Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Electives	9 hrs.
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(At least 9 hours of upper-level electives outside of psychology or social work.)

General Electives	7 hrs.
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Concentration Requirements (42 hrs.)

General Psychology	3 hrs.
Child Development	3 hrs.
Adolescent Development	3 hrs.
Abnormal Psychology	3 hrs.
History and Systems	3 hrs.
Personality Theory	3 hrs.
Synthesis of Psychology	3 hrs.
Statistics	4 hrs.
Theories of Learning	3 hrs.
Applied Experimental	1 hr.
Experimental Psychology	3 hrs.
Neuroscience	4 hrs.
Social Psychology	3 hrs.
Psychology elective	3 hrs.

Minor (18 hrs.)

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Total Required Hours: 120 hrs.