

# PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR (A)

The mission of the psychology program is to increase the awareness of the boundaries and applications of psychology, foster intellectual development and problem solving, and encourage students to serve others within the context of Christian faith. The psychology program is committed to cultivating multicultural awareness and appreciation for the magnificence of God viewed through human diversity. The program prepares students to pursue helping professions and/or graduate study.

Psychologists find great meaning in helping other people build lives of wellness and emotional resilience. Most careers and vocations involve working with people which means the possibilities of where a Psychology degree can take you are endless. The Psychology program aims to produce students who are engaged citizens active in serving their communities. The program integrates faith and learning, providing students with opportunities for growth and leadership.

## Program Learning Outcomes

### Goal 1: Knowledge Base in Psychology

- Describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology, including from a Christian perspective.
- Develop a working knowledge of psychology's content domains
- Describe applications of psychology

### Goal 2: Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking

- Use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena
- Demonstrate psychology information literacy
- Engage in innovative and integrative thinking and problem solving, including from a Christian perspective.
- Interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research, including from a Christian perspective.
- Incorporate sociocultural factors in scientific inquiry

### Goal 3: Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World

- Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice
- Build and enhance interpersonal relationships
- Adopt values that build community at local, national, and global levels, including from a Christian perspective.

### Goal 4: Communication

- Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes
- Exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes
- Interact effectively with others

### Goal 5: Professional Development

- Apply psychological content and skills to career goals
- Exhibit self-efficacy and self-regulation
- Refine project-management skills
- Enhance teamwork capacity
- Develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation

## Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/university/acad-prog/trad/core/">https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/university/acad-prog/trad/core/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		45
<b>Major Requirements</b>		<b>37</b>
<b>Electives</b>		<b>38</b>
Minor: Required		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> For transfer students, please see the Advanced Transfer Core (<https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/university/acad-prog/trad/transfer-core/>).

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Core Courses</b>		
COMM 105	Public Speaking (Communication and Language)	
MATH 205	Statistics I (Natural World)	
<b>Recommended Core Course</b>		
BIO 146	Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology (Natural World)	
<b>Required Courses</b>		
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
Select one of the following Development Courses:		
PSY 221	Child Development	3
PSY 222	Adolescent Development	3
PSY 230	Life Span Development	3
PSY 201	Interpersonal Communication	3
PSY 205	Theories of Learning	3
PSY 310	Theories of Personality	3
PSY 315	Social Psychology	3
PSY 350	Experimental Psych	3
PSY 425	Abnormal Psych	3
PSY 450	Psychology Practicum	3
PSY 485	Research Proposal	1
PSY 490	Psych Senior Seminar	3
<b>Major Electives</b>		
Two 300 or 400 Level Psychology Electives <sup>1</sup>		6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>37</b>

<sup>1</sup> PSY 445 Principles of Counseling is a recommended elective to be taken during spring of junior year.