

PSYCHOLOGY - B.A.

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Description

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology apply the science of understanding and explaining thoughts, emotions and behavior to solving real-world problems. Topics include stress, biological influences on behavior, growth and development of children and diagnosis and treatment of psychological disorders. Elective courses may be used to specialize in a number of areas of psychology and to gain hands-on experience in research labs. The degree prepares students for graduate school and employment in a range of fields, including clinical, applied and experimental areas of psychology and related fields such as education, law, human resources and health care.

The Psychology major includes the following optional concentrations:

- The **Child Psychology** concentration is designed for students who are interested specifically in children and adolescents. Topics include child development, psychological disorders of childhood and adolescence, children's cognitive processes, personality development and child-related research experience. The concentration prepares students for graduate study and employment in a range of fields, including clinical psychology, school psychology, school counseling and employment in settings such as child development centers and related agencies.
- The **Counseling Careers** concentration is designed to prepare students for employment in a range of fields and for master's-level study in all fields of counseling. Topics include human adjustment, stress and coping, human development, personality, psychological disorders, treatment and intervention techniques, psychometrics, psychopharmacology and clinical or counseling-related research experience.

Students interested in other career paths within psychology may pursue the major without a concentration.

Fully Offered At:

- Ashtabula Campus
- East Liverpool Campus
- Geauga Campus
- Kent Campus
- Salem Campus
- Stark Campus
- Trumbull Campus
- Tuscarawas Campus

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special

talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Describe the basic theoretical perspectives, principles, concepts, empirical findings and historical trends in psychology.
2. Understand and use fundamental data analysis techniques.
3. Understand and apply basic research methods/tools in psychology and evaluate the adequacy of research designs.
4. Write effectively in the discipline.
5. Recognize, understand, and respect the complexity of sociocultural and international diversity.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience

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Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.

Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120
Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.	

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS) (KSS/DD)	3
PSYC 21621	QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY I ¹	3
PSYC 31574	RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR) (ELR)	3
<i>Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning)</i>		
PSYC 41043 or PSYC 41363	BASIC LEARNING PROCESSES BIOPSYCHOLOGY	3
<i>Group II (Cognition)</i>		
Choose from the following:		3
PSYC 31141	PERCEPTION	
PSYC 40445	COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 40446	COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE	
<i>Group III (Social/Personality)</i>		
PSYC 31282 or PSYC 31532	PERSONALITY SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
<i>Group IV (Application of Psychological Science)</i>		
Choose from the following:		1-3
PSYC 41573	LABORATORY EXPERIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH: SOCIAL/CLINICAL (WIC) ²	
PSYC 41574	LABORATORY EXPERIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH: COGNITIVE/LEARNING (WIC) ²	

PSYC 41980	RESEARCH WRITING IN PSYCHOLOGY (WIC) ^{2,3}	
PSYC 41990	WRITING IN PSYCHOLOGY (WIC) ^{2,3}	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		14-16
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences) ⁴		3
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Social Sciences) ⁵		3
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3-5
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		3
Kent Core Additional		3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours)		32
Additional Requirements or Concentrations		
Choose from the following:		18
Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration		
Child Psychology Concentration		
Counseling Careers Concentration		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

- Students majoring in both Psychology and Sociology or Psychology and Criminology and Justice Studies may substitute SOC 32220 and SOC 32221 for PSYC 21621.
- A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- On the Kent Campus students take PSYC 41980 which has a pre/corequisite of PSYC 31574. If PSYC 41990 (offered on the regional campuses only) is selected, an upper-division course in psychology is taken as a corequisite. That course cannot be any of the following: PSYC 31498, PSYC 41498, PSYC 41573 or PSYC 41993.
- One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student's major.
- One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
<i>Group V (Developmental)</i>		
Choose from the following:		3
PSYC 20651	CHILD PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	
PSYC 30651	ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 30656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	
<i>Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)</i>		

PSYC 21211	PSYCHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE (DIVD) (KSS)	3
or PSYC 40111	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	
Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level) ¹		9
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
Kent Core Additional		3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		18

¹ Maximum 6 credit hours of PSYC 31498, PSYC 41492 and PSYC 41498 combined may be applied towards major requirements in psychology.

Child Psychology concentration requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
PSYC 20651	CHILD PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		12
PSYC 30651	ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 30652	SOCIAL AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT	
PSYC 30655	CHILDREN'S THINKING	
PSYC 40112	PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS OF CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE	
PSYC 40382	PEDIATRIC PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 41395	SPECIAL TOPICS IN CHILD PSYCHOLOGY ¹	
<i>Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)</i>		
PSYC 21211	PSYCHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE (DIVD) (KSS)	3
or PSYC 40111	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		18

¹ Maximum 9 credit hours may be applied toward concentration requirements

Counseling Careers concentration REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
PSYC 21211	PSYCHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE (DIVD) (KSS)	3
PSYC 40111	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 40231	PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT	3
PSYC 40383	INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		3
PSYC 30111	FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 30651	ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 30655	CHILDREN'S THINKING	
PSYC 40112	PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS OF CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE	
PSYC 40382	PEDIATRIC PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 41364	DRUGS AND BEHAVIOR	
PSYC 41581	HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 41595	SPECIAL TOPICS IN COUNSELING CAREERS	
<i>Group V (Developmental)</i>		
Choose from the following:		3
PSYC 20651	CHILD PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	
PSYC 30651	ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 30656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		18

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Foreign Language College Requirement

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.¹ To complete the requirement, students have the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language²
2. Elementary I and II of a second language
3. Any combination of two courses from the following list:

- Intermediate I of the same language
- MCLS 10001 INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS FOR LANGUAGE STUDENTS
- MCLS 20091 VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES
- MCLS 21417 MULTICULTURALISM IN TODAY'S GERMANY (DIVG)
- MCLS 28404 THE LATIN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG)

¹ All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may begin beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through Credit by Exam (CBE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP); or (3) being designated a "native speaker" of a non-English language (consult with the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office for additional information). When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

² Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

Roadmaps

- Psychology Major (no concentration)
- Child Psychology Concentration
- Counseling Careers Concentration

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR (NO CONCENTRATION)

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
!	PSYC 11762 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
	UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Three		
	PSYC 21621 QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY I	3
	Foreign Language	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
	PSYC 31574 RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR)	3
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group V (Developmental) or Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)	3
	Foreign Language	3
	Kent Core Requirement or General Electives	3
	Kent Core Requirement or General Electives	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Five		
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group V (Developmental) or Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)	3
	Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000)	3
	College General Requirement	3
	College General Requirement	3
	General Electives	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group V (Developmental) or Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)	3
	Group IV (Application of Psychological Science)	1-3

General Electives	11
Credit Hours	
	15
Semester Seven	
Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group V (Developmental) or Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)	3
Psychology Upper-Division Electives (PSYC 30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	
	15
Semester Eight	
Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group V (Developmental) or Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)	3
Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Electives	7-9
Credit Hours	
	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	
	120

Child Psychology Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
!	PSYC 11762 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
	UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		
	PSYC 20651 CHILD PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Three		
	PSYC 21621 QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY I	3
	Foreign Language	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
	PSYC 31574 RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR)	3
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)	3
	Foreign Language	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement or General Electives	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Five		
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)	3
	Group IV (Application of Psychological Science)	1-3
	College General Requirement	3
	College General Requirement	3
	General Electives	3-5
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)	3
	Child Psychology Concentration Electives	6
	General Electives	6
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)	3
	Child Psychology Concentration Electives	3
	General Electives	9
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group VI (Clinical/Counseling)	3

Child Psychology Concentration Electives	3
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

Counseling Careers Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
!	PSYC 11762 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
	UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		
	PSYC 21211 PSYCHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE (DIVD) (KSS)	3
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Three		
	PSYC 21621 QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY I	3
	Foreign Language	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
	PSYC 31574 RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR)	3
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group V (Developmental)	3
	Foreign Language	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement or General Electives	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Five		
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group V (Developmental)	3
	Group IV (Application of Psychological Science)	1-3
	College General Requirement	3
	College General Requirement	3
	General Electives	3-5
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
	PSYC 40111 ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
	PSYC 40231 PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT	3
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group V (Developmental)	3
	General Electives	6
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
	PSYC 40383 INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
	Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group V (Developmental)	3
	General Electives	9
Credit Hours		15

Semester Eight

Group I (Behavioral Neuroscience/Learning) or Group II (Cognition) or Group III (Social/Personality) or Group V (Developmental)	3
Counseling Careers Concentration Electives	3
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120