



# psychology

## bachelor's degree

**W**ashington State University's online bachelor of science in psychology gives students a comprehensive understanding of basic psychology and scientific methods. The ability to systematically identify and solve human problems is crucial in workplaces and life situations.

### program overview

WSU's psychology program is designed for students who:

- Wish to study psychology as part of a liberal education
- Plan to use their training in related vocations, such as the professions, government organizations, business and industry, and psychological services
- Are preparing for graduate work in psychology

### faculty

Psychology instructors bring proven teaching skills and a commitment to learning to the online environment. Their expertise in select areas of experimental and clinical psychology further enriches their courses. Whether on-campus or online, these instructors are dedicated to sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for psychology with their students.

### careers

WSU's online psychology degree prepares students for employment in a wide array of professions, such as health and human services, business, management, research and development, sales, and administrative positions.

- Psychologists conduct basic and applied research
- Psychologists serve as consultants to communities and organizations
- Psychologists diagnose and treat people for mental and medical disorders
- Psychologists teach future psychologists and other types of students
- Psychologists study how people relate to each other and to machines, and work to improve these relationships

The U.S. Dept. of Labor Statistics projects the employment outlook for psychologists to grow faster than average, by 22 percent from 2010-2012. Previous graduates of WSU's psychology program have found employment in such professions as health and human services, business, management, research and development, sales, and administrative positions.

The degree is also excellent preparation for graduate work in psychology, social work, education, law, medicine, and business.

## admission requirements

To be admitted to WSU's Global Campus, you must have a high school diploma or passing score on the GED certification test, as well as additional requirements explained at [online.wsu.edu/admissions](https://online.wsu.edu/admissions).

Students who first obtain their direct transfer associate's degree from a Washington or Oregon community college will automatically satisfy the lower division WSU general education requirements.

We recommend beginning the application process no less than three months prior to the semester you'd like to enroll. Enrollment in some courses is limited, so apply early to ensure your admission. The admissions application deadlines and semester start dates are available at [online.wsu.edu/dates](https://online.wsu.edu/dates).

## accreditation

Washington State University is fully accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. WSU's Department of Psychology is also accredited by the American Psychological Association.

To learn more about our online psychology degree program visit us on the Web or call us during regular business hours (8 a.m.–5 p.m. Pacific time).

## program of study

In addition to WSU graduation requirements and the College of Arts and Sciences graduation requirements, students pursuing their bachelor's degree in psychology must complete the program requirements of the degree.

### CORE REQUIREMENTS

Total number of psychology credits: **30** [ 11 CREDITS ]

- **PSYCH 105** – Introductory Psychology
- **PSYCH 311** – Elementary Statistics in Psychology
- **PSYCH 312** – Experimental Methods in Psychology

### GROUP 1

[ 9 CREDITS ]

- **PSYCH 350** – Social Psychology
- **PSYCH 401** – Historical Development of Psychology
- **PSYCH 470** – Motivation
- **PSYCH 490** – Cognition and Memory

### GROUP 2

[ 6 CREDITS – CHOOSE TWO COURSES ]

- **PSYCH 321** – Introduction to Personality
- **PSYCH 324** – Psychology of Women
- **PSYCH 333** – Abnormal Psychology
- **PSYCH 363** – Psychology of Aging
- **PSYCH 464** – Behavior Disorders of Children and Adolescents

The remaining four credits may be satisfied by:

Taking one 3-credit Psychology course and a 1-credit 301 (301 not currently available online) or taking two 3-credit Psychology courses. These credits can be fulfilled with any of the courses listed above or with the following Psychology courses:

- **PSYCH 230** – Human Sexuality
- **PSYCH 301** – Seminar in Psychology
- **PSYCH 328** – Self Control

### WRITING IN THE MAJOR:

Students must also complete two writing in the major courses. For online students, this requirement will be automatically fulfilled with **PSYCH 312** and **PSYCH 401**.