Program Description
Psychology can be considered from a variety of perspectives, such as (1) a natural or biological science, (2) a behavioral or social science, (3) an applied or professional field, or (4) a set of experiential or humanistic concerns. This multi-perspective approach is best illustrated in the Mission and Goals statement of the department.

The requirements for the major expose the student to the broad range of perspectives, problems, methodologies, and bodies of knowledge found in contemporary psychology. We believe that this foundation provides for the development of relevant skills, behaviors, and attitudes necessary for diverse professional fields, especially those related to the human services.

All declared majors are expected to confer regularly with their faculty advisors to ensure that the selection of courses will be most appropriate for the student’s career goals. The goals and objectives of the BA in Psychology can be found at the department’s website.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Psychology

Total Units Required to Graduate 180 units
Major Requirements 66 units
Prerequisites 13
Core Curriculum 53
Minor Requirement 20 units
Other University Requirements 52-97 units

* may be satisfied in major, minor or other university requirement

Additional Units 0-42 units

See http://www.csusb.edu/schedules.shtml for current list of courses satisfying university-wide requirements.

Note: One (1) quarter unit of credit normally represents one hour of in-class work and 2-3 hours of outside study per week.

Requirements for the Major in Psychology

Prerequisites (13 units)
PSYC 100, 200, 290, 291

Major Requirements (53 units)
1. Core Courses (15 units)
   PSYC 250, 300B, 490 or 491
2. Four foundation courses. Two courses must be from Area “A” and two from Area “B” (20 units)
   a. Area A
      PSYC 203, 301, 302, 304
   b. Area B
      PSYC 210, 312, 315, 316
3. One advanced topic/laboratory experience from Area “A” or “B” above, chosen from: PSYC 301L, 302L, 303L, 304L, 310L, 312L, 315L, 316L (5 units)
4. Applications of psychology (3 units)*
   a. PSYC 395 (1 unit)
   b. One or more of the following (2 units)
      PSYC 481, 496, 497, 498
5. A minimum of two upper division, letter-graded elective courses in Psychology (10 units)
6. A minor is required, selected from one of the following three options:
   a. A minor consisting of at least 20 quarter units within a minor program designed by another discipline.
   b. An interdisciplinary concentration or minor in one of the specially developed areas (see “Interdisciplinary Concentrations and Minors”).
   c. A special minor.

Requirements for a Minor in Psychology

The minor in Psychology allows for an individually designed study of the discipline of Psychology. The minor consists of four or more letter-graded courses (20 quarter units) in Psychology which must include the following: PSYC 100; one foundation course (PSYC 203, 210, 301, 302, 304, 312, 315 or 316); and two additional upper division Psychology courses. Courses proposed to fulfill the minor in Psychology must be approved by the Chair of the Department of Psychology.