

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY (GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION)

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/psychology-philosophy/undergraduate-programs/>

The Graduate School Preparation Track in Psychology prepares students for graduate-level work in Psychology and other Social Sciences.

Through the inclusion of specific coursework and research team opportunities, this degree plan provides students the opportunity to gain key knowledge and skills necessary for success at the graduate level. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to remain on this degree plan.

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Identify and utilize a variety of sources of information to solve problems; be able to apply different methods to collect and analyze data; apply analytical skills to summarize and draw findings from data.
2. Present ideas in a clear, organized fashion both in writing and oral communication. Develop coherent written and oral arguments.
3. Professional development skills, including project management and the ability to work in a team; ability to work collaboratively on complex projects; divide complex tasks down and monitor progress to completion; problem solve effectively with group members when obstacles are encountered.

## Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/admission-information/>). Additional admission requirements for the undergraduate psychology program are as follows:

1. completion of 45 semester credit hours,
2. completion of PSY 1013, PSY 1603, PSY 2013, and PSY 2513 with a C or higher,
3. consistent adherence to the Psychology Program Code of Professional Conduct policy and,
4. completion of the Psychology Major Application (<https://forms.gle/vMhVp2oA9tCFJUYj6/>).

Students will initially enter as pre-psychology majors. Acceptance into the Psychology program is contingent upon meeting departmental requirements. Many psychology courses require that students be a Psychology major prior to enrollment. Therefore, it is important that students complete the departmental admissions process as soon as admission requirements are met. Departmental admission applications are processed on a rolling basis but can take up to four (4) weeks to process dependent on submission time.

Continued enrollment in the program is contingent upon completion of psychology and philosophy coursework with a C or higher and continued adherence to the Psychology Program Code of Professional Conduct policy ([https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SPMhuY7FHv0PklrpFWZ-gxBaYct4Nbnlps\\_NoP59-D8/edit/?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SPMhuY7FHv0PklrpFWZ-gxBaYct4Nbnlps_NoP59-D8/edit/?usp=sharing)).

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA for the Bachelor of Science in Psychology (Graduate School Preparation) degree plan. If GPA requirements are not met, students will be moved to the B.S. in Psychology degree plan.

## Degree Requirements

**Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH):** 120-121

**Major:** 44-45 SCH; **Minor (optional):** 21 SCH

**Program Code:** PSYCH.BS; **CIP Code:** 42.0101.00

### Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I	3
ENG 1023	Composition II	3
Mathematics		3
Life & Physical Sciences		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
CAO: Women's Studies		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics		3
Total SCHs		42

### Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
PSY 1603	Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 2013	Professional Development in Psychology	3
PSY 2023	Social Psychology	3
PSY 2133	Physiological Psychology	3
PSY 2303	Applied Statistics	3
PSY 2513	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY 3354	Experimental Psychology	4
PSY 3943	Psychological Tests and Measurements	3
PSY 4103 & PSY 4101	Cognitive Psychology and Cognitive Psychology Laboratory	4
Applied Psychology Electives (Cluster A: PSY 3073, PSY 3163/ PSY 3161, PSY 3273, PSY 3933, PSY 4013, PSY 4023, PSY 4153, PSY 4173, PSY 4183, PSY 4423, PSY 4443, PSY 4763, PSY 4933)		6
PSY Electives (2000 level or higher) - Recommended		3
PSY 2061	Research Team I	
PSY 2071	Research Team II	
PSY 3061	Research Team III	
PSY Electives (3000 level or higher) - Recommended		3

PSY 3071	Research Team IV	
PSY 4061	Research Team V	
PSY 4071	Research Team VI	
PSY Elective (3000 level or higher)		3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>44</b>

### Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
Select one of the following		
PHIL 3053	Ethics	3
PHIL 3073	Bioethics	
PHIL 3083	Ethics and Feminism	
Life/Physical Science		4
Core Life/Physical Science Labs		2
PHIL 2033	Logic and Critical Thinking (may be applied from core)	3
PSY 1013	Introduction to General Psychology (may be applied from core)	3
WS 3733	Psychology of Women (may be applied from core)	3
or PSY 3733	Psychology of Women	
Electives		16
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>34</b>

### Recommended Plan of Study

#### First Year

Fall	TCCN	SCHs
PSY 1013	Introduction to General Psychology	PSYC 2301 3
Life/Physical Science Core		3
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301 3
Math or Wellness CAO Core		2
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301 3
UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: The First Year Experience	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300 1
SCHs		15

Spring	TCCN	SCHs
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302 3
PSY 1603	Developmental Psychology	PSYC 2314 3
Math Core (MATH 1703 recommended)		3
PSY 2013	Professional Development in Psychology	3
Life/Physical Science Core		3
SCHs		15

#### Second Year

Fall	TCCN	SCHs
Select one of the following Natural Science sequences		
BIOL 1013	Human Biology	1309
BIOL 1113	Principles of Biology I & BIOL 1113 and Principles of Biology I Laboratory	BIOL 1406 & BIOL 1106
SCHs		3-4

CHEM 1013	Introductory Chemistry & CHEM 1013 and Introductory Chemistry Laboratory	CHEM 1305 & CHEM 1106	
CHEM 1113	General Chemistry I & CHEM 1113 and General Chemistry Laboratory I	CHEM 1311 & CHEM 1111	
SCI 1123	General Life Science	1408	
ZOOL 2013	Human Anatomy and Physiology I & ZOOL 2013 and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2101	
ZOOL 2023	Human Anatomy and Physiology II & ZOOL 2023 and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	BIOL 2402 & BIOL 2102	
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
PHIL 2033	Logic and Critical Thinking	PHIL 2303	3
PSY 2513	Abnormal Psychology	PSYC 2320	3
Elective (PSY 2061 recommended)			1
SCHs			16-17
<b>Spring</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
PSY 2023	Social Psychology	PSYC 2319	3
PSY 2303	Applied Statistics	PSYC 2317	3
Minor or Elective			3
Creative Arts Core			3
Elective PSY 2071 recommended			1
SCHs			16

#### Third Year

Fall	TCCN	SCHs
PSY 2133	Physiological Psychology	PSYC 2330 3
PSY 3354	Experimental Psychology	4
PSY 3733	Psychology of Women	3
Psychology Elective (2000 level or above)		3
Elective - 1 SCH (PSY 3061 recommended)		1
SCHs		14

Spring	TCCN	SCHs
Psychology Elective (3000 level or above)		3
Minor or Elective		3
Psychology Elective		3
Minor or Elective		3
Elective (PSY 3071 recommended)		1
SCHs		13

#### Fourth Year

Fall	TCCN	SCHs
Psychology Elective (3000 level or above)		3
3 SCH from Cluster A - Applied Psychology Electives		3
Minor or Elective		3
Minor or Elective		3
Minor or Elective		3
Elective (PSY 4061 recommended)		1
SCHs		16

<b>Spring</b>	<b>TCCN</b>
Select one of the following	3
PHIL 3053 Ethics	
PHIL 3073 Bioethics	
PHIL 3083 Ethics and Feminism	
PSY 3943 Psychological Tests and Measurements	3
PSY 4103 Cognitive Psychology & PSY 4101 and Cognitive Psychology Laboratory	4
Minor or Elective	4
Elective (PSY 4071 recommended)	1
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SCHs	15
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Total SCHs:	120-121

**Note:** The 3 SCH Global Perspectives graduation requirement must be obtained through core courses, PSY 4183, or elective. Must meet 36 advanced semester credit hour requirement.