

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

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

The B.S. in Psychology is designed to provide a solid liberal arts education and will prepare students for a wide array of pursuits.

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills prepare students for success in a variety of professional settings. Developed through academic coursework, co-curricular engagement, and extracurricular involvement, these skills include communication, critical thinking, teamwork, ethical reasoning, adaptability, and digital literacy. Whether directly related to a student's major or serving as complementary strengths, marketable skills enhance career readiness and reflect TWU's commitment to producing graduates who are prepared to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.

1. Identify and utilize a variety of sources of information to solve problems; applying 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 (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

The Application deadline for each semester is 5:00 p.m. on the last day of finals, as published on the Registrar's Calendar. Applications will be processed within three weeks of this deadline. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline, and failure to meet this condition will require the applicant to wait until the next semester's processing cycle for consideration. Please ensure your application has been submitted successfully by checking your TWU email for a confirmation of submission. If you have not received a confirmation email, please resubmit your application.

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, and PSY 2513 with a grade of C or higher; and PSY 2013 with a grade of B or higher.
3. consistent adherence to the Psychology Program Code of Professional Conduct policy (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SPMhuY7FHv0PkIrpFWZ-gxBaYct4NbInps_NoP59-D8/edit/?usp=sharing) 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. 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/1SPMhuY7FHv0PkIrpFWZ-gxBaYct4NbInps_NoP59-D8/edit/?usp=sharing).

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 121

Major: 52 SCH

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

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I (10)	3
ENG 1023	Composition II (10)	3
Mathematics (20)		3
Life & Physical Sciences (30)		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (40)		3
Creative Arts (50)		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865 (60)	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present (60)	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government (70)	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government (70)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (80)		3
CAO: Multicultural-Women's Studies (90)		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics (91)		3
Total SCHs		42

Students must maintain a 2.0 Overall GPA and a 2.5 Psychology GPA to remain on this degree plan.

Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
PSY 1603	Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 2013	Professional Development in Psychology	3
PSY 2303	Applied Statistics	3
PSY 2023	Social Psychology	3
PSY 2513	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY 3354	Experimental Psychology	4
Select one of the following:		4
PSY 3163 & PSY 3161	Introduction to Behavior Therapy and Behavior Therapy Laboratory	
PSY 4103 & PSY 4101	Cognitive Psychology and Cognitive Psychology Laboratory	
PSY Electives (2000 level or higher)		9
PSY Electives (3000 level or higher)		20
Total SCHs		52

Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
Select 3 SCH from		3
PHIL 3053	Ethics	
PHIL 3073	Bioethics	
PHIL 3083	Ethics and Feminism	
Natural Science with Lab for Major (see advisor)		4
Core Life/Physical Science Labs (if co-requisite of core science course)		2
PHIL 2033	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
PSY 1013	Introduction to General Psychology	3
WS 3733	Psychology of Women	3
or PSY 3733	Psychology of Women	
Electives (6 SCH must be advanced)		15
Total SCHs		33

Recommended Plan of Study

First Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
PSY 1013	Introduction to General Psychology	PSYC 2301	3
Life/Physical Science Core (Recommended - BIOL 1033)			4
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: First-Year Seminar	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300	1
SCHs			16
Spring		TCCN	
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
PSY 1603	Developmental Psychology	PSYC 2314	3
Life/Physical Science Core (Recommended - BIOL 1013)			4
MATH core (Recommended MATH 1703)			3
PSY 2513	Abnormal Psychology	PSYC 2320	3
SCHs			16

Second Year

Fall		TCCN	
Natural Science with Lab for Major (see advisor)			4
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 2013	Professional Development in Psychology		3
SCHs			16
Spring		TCCN	
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
PSY 2023	Social Psychology	PSYC 2319	3
PSY 2303	Applied Statistics	PSYC 2317	3
Elective			3

Creative Arts Core	3
SCHs	15

Third Year

Fall		TCCN	
PSY 3354	Experimental Psychology		4
PSY 3733	Psychology of Women		3
Psychology Elective (2000 level or above)			3
Psychology Elective (2000 level or above)			3
Psychology Elective (3000 level or above)			2
SCHs			15
Spring		TCCN	
PSY Electives (2000 level or higher)			3
Psychology Elective (2000 level or above)			3
Psychology Elective (3000 level or above)			3
Psychology Elective (3000 level or above)			3
Elective			3
SCHs			15

Fourth Year

Fall		TCCN	
Psychology Elective (3000 level or above)			3
Psychology Elective (3000 level or above)			3
Psychology Elective (3000 level or above)			3
Psychology Elective (3000 level or above)			3
Elective (advanced)			3
SCHs			15
Spring		TCCN	
Select one of the following			3
PHIL 3053 Ethics			
PHIL 3073 Bioethics			
PHIL 3083 Ethics and Feminism			
Select one of the following:			4
PSY 3163 Introduction to Behavior Therapy & PSY 3161and Behavior Therapy Laboratory			
PSY 4103 Cognitive Psychology & PSY 4101and Cognitive Psychology Laboratory			
Elective (advanced)			3
Elective			3
SCHs			13
Total SCHs:			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.