

DIVISION OF PSYCHOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

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The Division of Psychology and Philosophy offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Science, the Master of Arts, the Master of Science, the Specialist in School Psychology, and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees. The division also offers several minor tracks in psychology and philosophy.

Degree programs for undergraduate majors are designed to prepare the student for career pursuits and/or advanced degree work in health-related fields and psychology. Although the undergraduate major is broad-based, the program, through the six degree plan options, offers sufficient depth to afford students a strong foundation in psychology, whether it be for the purpose of entering the job market in the helping professions or for doing advanced coursework at the graduate level. Graduates with a bachelor's degree often work in human resources, case management, human services, and education fields. Students who are interested in obtaining a graduate degree often pursue careers in the health-related fields (e.g., occupational or physical therapy, medicine, and nursing) or in other specialized areas of psychology (e.g., clinical, counseling, experimental, forensic, industrial/organizational, and school psychology).

Coursework and degree plans in Psychology were designed in accordance with the APA Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology Major. As such, our Undergraduate Program is guided by five overarching learning goals. As an undergraduate in the Psychology Program, you will develop:

- a. a knowledge base in psychology,
- b. scientific inquiry and critical thinking skills,
- c. a sense of ethical and social responsibility in a diverse world,
- d. written and oral communication skills, and
- e. professional development skills such as the ability to work in a team and project management.

Please visit the Division of Psychology and Philosophy website (<http://www.twu.edu/psychology-philosophy/>) for more information.

Undergraduate Degrees Offered

- B.S. in Psychology (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology-philosophy/psychology-bs-general-track/>): Psychology is designed to provide a solid liberal arts education and will prepare students for a wide array of pursuits.
- B.S. in Psychology Graduate School Preparation: (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology-philosophy/psychology-bs-graduate-school-preparation-track/>) 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.

- B.S. in Psychology (Health Psychology) (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology-philosophy/psychology-bs-health-psychology/>): The health psychology track is designed to prepare students to work in allied health fields; students will develop a strong base in general psychological principles while, through specialized course work, study how psychological, behavioral, and cultural phenomena interact with illness and health.
- B.S. in Psychology Pre-Occupational Therapy (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology-philosophy/psychology-bs-occupational-therapy-preparation-track/>): The Pre-Occupational Therapy Track is designed to prepare students for advanced degree work in allied health fields such as Occupational Therapy. Prerequisites for admission into the Occupational Therapy Program at TWU are embedded within the degree plan. Please see the Graduate Catalog (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/>) for more information about admission into the Occupational Therapy program.
- B.S. in Psychology Pre-Physical Therapy: (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology-philosophy/psychology-bs-physical-therapy-preparation-track/>) The Pre-Physical Therapy Track is designed to prepare students for advanced degree work in allied health fields such as Physical Therapy. Pre-requisites for admission in the Physical Therapy Program at TWU are included within the degree plan. Please see the Graduate Catalog (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/>) for more information about admission into the Physical Therapy program at TWU.
- B.S. in Psychology (School Psychology Accelerated Track) (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology-philosophy/psychology-bs-school-psychology-accelerated-track/>): An accelerated track is also available for students wishing to pursue a Specialist in School Psychology degree at TWU. Accelerated tracks are intended for students who enter TWU as FTIC and have additional GPA requirements beyond other tracks. Please see the Psychology website (<https://www.twu.edu/psychology-philosophy/undergraduate-programs/>) for additional information about tracks and the Graduate Catalog (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/>) for more information about admission into graduate psychology programs at TWU. The School Psychology Accelerated Track is intended for students who are interested in our specialist in school psychology (S.S.P.) degree. Up to 24 hours of undergraduate coursework can count toward this graduate degree for those accepted into the graduate program. Please see the Graduate Catalog (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/>) for more information about admission into the School Psychology program at TWU.

The Psychology Degree Programs require the completion of a minimum of 120 semester credit hours.

Core Curriculum requirements include a minimum of 42 semester credit hours and are listed in the Academic Information and Planning (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/>) section of this catalog.

Special Requirements

Students wanting to enter any of the Psychology degree plans will have admission requirements that must be completed before becoming a Psychology major. Please see the Division of Psychology and Philosophy website (<http://www.twu.edu/psychology-philosophy/>) for information on the admission process and requirements for the Psychology major.

In order to graduate with a major in Psychology, students must complete the Psychology Senior Exit Exam in their final semester.

Only psychology and philosophy courses in which a grade of C or higher is received may be counted toward a Divisional major and/or minor. A minimum of 16 advanced semester credit hours of Psychology must be taken at TWU. Accelerated tracks are intended for those students entering TWU as FTIC.

Graduate Courses

Please refer to the Graduate Catalog (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/>) for information regarding graduate courses.