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The Psychology degree from ASU's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences is one of several degrees offered by the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The program differs from psychology degrees offered elsewhere because of its interdisciplinary focus with other social science disciplines and strong emphasis on experiential learning.

An increasingly complex and rapidly expanding world demands that successful students be exposed to multiple and diverse perspectives on individual and group behavior. The unique multidisciplinary focus of the psychology program at New College helps prepare students for these demands.

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ASU's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences prepares students to take their place as independent thinkers and active participants in a rapidly changing world. Its programs provide the skills necessary for effective expression and a greater understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures, both past and present. New College imparts to its students a sensitivity to the artistic dimension of human expression and the natural environment, as well as providing them with a greater understanding of scientific inquiry. The integrating theme of New College is a focus on social concern and community engagement.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program is integrated and interdisciplinary in scope, from its faculty to its students and courses. Housed within a department featuring nationally renowned psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists, geographers and political scientists, the program integrates traditional psychology course preparation with interdisciplinary courses and curricular linkages with other social sciences.

Another distinctive feature of the psychology degree program is the emphasis on experiential learning and collaborative research. Students work alongside faculty in conducting and presenting research and enjoy access to a number of exciting and valuable internship opportunities.

Psychology further distinguishes itself and fosters campus life through two student clubs – Psychology Club (open to all students) and Psi Chi.

A minor in Psychology is also offered.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Psychology include core courses, cluster courses and interdisciplinary requirements, including the B.A./B.S. requirements.

Core requirements include:

- Foundations of Psychological Science
- Social/developmental core
- Neuroscience core

Cluster requirements include courses in one or more of the following tracks:

- Methodology and critical thinking
- Biological/learning
- Life Span/developmental
- Social influence
- Industrial/organizational
- Clinical/health
- Experiential

STUDENT RESEARCH & INTERNSHIPS

The psychology major has an experiential learning course cluster comprising supervised research which will help students prepare for graduate school. Another component focuses on community-based experiences, internships, and other forms of individualized instruction and participatory learning. These provide opportunities to apply skills in social service, mental health or educational settings while supervised on-site and by departmental faculty.

While not required, we strongly encourage students to take classes from this cluster throughout their course of study to better prepare for the workplace, and to be more competitive when applying to graduate school.

CAREER POTENTIAL

It is imperative that students are equipped to interact with groups of people from very diverse backgrounds and socioeconomic settings. An understanding of psychology helps prepare students with multiple and flexible skills to effectively function in this environment — giving graduates the necessary competitive edge.

According to the job survey research office of the American Psychological Association, the majority of graduates with a bachelor's degree in Psychology join the workforce immediately upon graduation. Most of these graduates can expect to find entry-level jobs in fields such as teaching and education, business and government, social services and healthcare.

A bachelor's degree in psychology is a logical choice for careers in the mental health professions, social services, education, law enforcement, government, and many areas of business (e.g., sales and marketing, human services management). The degree also provides an excellent foundation for graduate study in fields such as public administration, law, family studies, communication, medicine/pre med studies, and the various programs of psychology — clinical and counseling, developmental, environmental, experimental, physiological, cognitive neuroscience and social.

Graduates can look forward to career opportunities in public and private sectors, such as:

- Social services and counseling
- Mental health professions
- Criminal justice system
- Teaching and academics
- Public administration
- Politics and legislative affairs
- Law
- Social urban planning
- Human resources
- Community development
- Healthcare professions
- Public relations
- Business management
- Academic advising

Additionally, undergraduate training in psychology prepares students to seek advanced degrees in psychology (M.S. and Ph.D.) and in other social and behavioral sciences disciplines. It also prepares bachelor's candidates to successfully apply to professional schools, such as law and business. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of psychologists with advanced degrees is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations through 2014. This is due to the increased demand for psychological services in schools, hospitals, social service agencies, mental health centers, substance abuse treatment clinics, consulting firms, and private companies.