



Arizona State University (West Valley Campus)

Psychology (Positive Psychology), BA

Study details

Course type: Bachelor's degree

Degree: Psychology (Positive Psychology), BA ASPGSPBBA

Study mode: Full time

Duration: 48 Month

Cost of study

Cost : 35 430 USD

Reg. fee : 85 USD

Scholarship :

Insurance : 2 765 USD

Intake/s

Jan/May/Aug

Requirements

Academic requirements

First-year students must:

- Have a 3.00 grade point average (GPA) (a "B" or better where "A"=4.00) from a secondary school. Some ASU programs may have higher admission or English proficiency requirements and may consider a minimum ACT or SAT score.
- Must have three years of high school coursework. (If you are currently in high school, ASU needs to see 9–11 grade coursework. If you have completed high school, ASU needs to see 10–12 grade coursework.)
- Must have and present a completed high school diploma or certificate.

Conditional admission

ASU may offer conditional undergraduate admission to international applicants to an on-campus program who meet the academic (aptitude) requirements but who are not proficient in English. This offer of conditional admission will give you time to improve your English proficiency before you start classes at ASU. Your conditional admission offer is good for up to three semesters, during which time you must meet one of these requirements to begin your ASU experience.

Competency requirements

International students who completed high school outside the U.S. are required to meet the following competency requirements:

- Math: four years (algebra I, geometry, algebra II and one course requiring algebra II as a prerequisite).

- Laboratory science: three years total (one year each from any of the following areas are accepted: biology, chemistry, earth science, integrated sciences and physics).

Provide evidence of English language proficiency (TOEFL 61)

Accommodation

Provided by partner agencies

Speciality

Also available online

Additional information

Program description

Positive psychology is the scientific study of strengths and behaviors that enable individuals and communities to thrive. There is a rapidly growing body of research in the field of positive psychology with many applications to individual well-being, relationships, the workplace and every other life domain. Students in the BA program in psychology with a concentration in positive psychology gain the foundational knowledge and skills of a traditional psychology program while focusing their studies on topics central to the field of positive psychology, such as optimism, gratitude, coping mechanisms, resilience and mindfulness. Graduates of this program are prepared to apply evidence-based approaches to transform their own lives and the lives of others.

All New College psychology programs, including the positive psychology program, have a quantitative research focus, equipping students with skills in critical thinking, statistical analysis and academic writing. The BS degree differs from the Bachelor of Arts degree in that it requires additional lab science coursework and advanced statistical training, both of which are increasingly important for destinations in research or clinical practice. The Bachelor of Arts degree allows for exposure to a wider breadth of psychological and related topics through additional elective coursework. Both pathways provide a strong foundation for future graduate studies.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West Valley campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees.

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a “double major”) earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree with:

- Psychology (Industrial and Organizational Psychology), MS
- Psychology (Positive Psychology), MS
- Psychology (Sport Psychology), MS
- Psychology, MS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Study abroad allows students in the psychology program to acquire enhanced knowledge and experience that will enable them to stand out in many career fields. Students are exposed to unique differences in the human condition worldwide, are able to improve language and cross-cultural skills for effective communication, and are challenged to adapt under new social and cultural circumstances.

With more than 300 options available, whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, Global Education programs give students a global perspective and knowledge in preparation for their career. Students in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences can explore how their varied fields and interests interact in different settings around the world.

Career opportunities

Individuals with psychology degrees can go on to secure jobs across a wide range of fields, including human resources, research, business and economics, law, health and mental health, and education.

Graduates are prepared for careers in:

- consumer relations and research
- employee training
- family support
- individual life coaching
- occupational analysis
- positive coaching in sports or organizations
- prevention education
- public or mental health program coordination
- youth development

The degree also provides an excellent foundation for graduate study in fields such as public administration, law, family studies, communication, social work and the various graduate program fields in psychology:

- clinical and counseling
- cognitive neuroscience
- developmental
- environmental
- experimental
- physiological

- social