

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

The Department of Psychology seeks to acquaint students with basic psychological principles and their application to human behavior, using Scripture as the foundation for understanding and treating all human conditions and problems.

PURPOSE

The psychology major is designed to prepare graduates with a foundation for graduate study or service in various psychological fields, including counseling, development, school psychology, social work, clinical, and other specialty areas.

OBJECTIVES

1. The student will demonstrate an understanding of individual, group, and organizational dynamics and their interplay in social structures.
2. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the basic psychological principles and applications to human behavior.
3. The student will evaluate psychological theories and positions in light of Scriptural truth.
4. The student will demonstrate a broad-based academic exposure by being adequately prepared for continued graduate education in the various fields of psychology.

Psychology Program Curriculum

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FOUNDATIONAL STUDIES (19 hours)

(Must be completed within the first 45 hours of the program) (Transfer students must complete within their first two semesters)

- ACAD-1013 Success Orientation for Online Students
- CHMN-1033 Personal Life and Evangelism
- CISS-1003 Computer Fundamentals
- ENGL-1013 English Composition I
- ENGL-1023 English Composition II
- COMM-1003 Speech Communication
- *MATH- Mathematics Requirements

*To complete the General Core mathematics requirement, students may be required to enroll in preparatory mathematics courses each semester until MATH-1013 Mathematics for Application or a higher-level mathematics course is completed.

GENERAL CORE CURRICULUM (38 hours)

Bible/Theology/Philosophy

- BIBL-1113 Old Testament Survey
- BIBL-1413 New Testament Survey
- BIBL-2713 Bible Study Methods
- PHIL-2013 Biblical World View
- THEO-2113 Bible Doctrines I
- THEO-2123 Bible Doctrines II

History

HIST-1043 Survey of Western Civilization I

OR

HIST-1045 Survey of Western Civilization II

Humanities/Literature Selection

INTD-3013 Humanities

AND

Literature Selection (one of the following)

British Literature I (ENGL-2013) OR II (ENGL02113); American Literature I (ENGL-2203) OR II (ENGL-2213); World Literature I (ENGL-2303) OR II (ENGL-2313)

Physical Education (1 hour)

This course is a one hour activity requirement.

Laboratory Science Selection (4 hours)

Social Studies Selection (6 hours)

DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS (45 hours)

PSYC-1003 General Psychology

PSYC-2213 Human Growth and Development

PSYC-2313 Experimental Psychology

PSYC-3313 Psychological Testing and Evaluation

STAT-2303 Introduction to Statistics

PSYC-4813 Psychology Seminar/Systems

PS-4723 Theories of Counseling

PSYC-425 Theories of Personality

PS-4823 Psychology Practicum I

PSYC- Psychology Electives (6 hours)

PSYC-300/400 Psychology Electives (9 hours)

SOST- Social Studies Selection

ELECTIVES

Minor or General Electives (13 hours)

Minor or General Electives 300-400 level (9 hours)

DEGREE TOTAL..... 120 HOURS

Must have 30 total hours at 3000-4000 level to meet graduation requirements for a bachelor's degree.

Course Descriptions:

ACAD 1013 Success Orientation for Online Students 1 credit hour (Fall and Spring) This course is designed to help students in their academic adjustment from high school to college. The student will be introduced to essential academic skills such as goal-setting, study organization, time management, textbook mastery, listening, memory, note-taking, motivation for study, test-taking, study strategies in other classes and orientation to University services. All incoming first-time freshmen, any transfer student with less than thirty hours of transfer credits and any student admitted on provisional acceptance or academic probation must enroll in this program for one semester.

CHMN 1033 Christian Life and Evangelism 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)
An in-depth study of how to lead people to Christ. This course is designed to introduce the student to principles of Christian living and evangelism. Special attention will be given to the theology of all aspects of evangelism, including the follow-up. Various methods of approach and presentation will be considered. Memorizing scripture and communicating the gospel will be emphasized.

CISS 1003 Computer Fundamentals 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) Introduction to basic computer terminology and basic computer skills using word processing, spreadsheet, email and presentation software. A perspective of computer applications is also provided. \$25.00 fee required.

ENGL 1013 English Composition I 3 credit hours (Fall and spring)
(Prerequisite: ENGL-0103 or a score of 19 or higher on the ACT English section) Introduction to the principles of effective composition and the application to writing paragraphs and essays on topics related to personal experiences. Grammar and mechanics are taught in relation to writing.

ENGL 1023 English Composition II 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL LITERATURE COURSES) (Prerequisite: ENGL-1013)
English Composition II is a more complex study of rhetorical principles developing the critical essay and formal research paper. Students learn how to read and write critically in response to literary genres (film, poetry, prose, and drama). In addition, students study and apply methods of research to demonstrate skills in developing a thesis and supporting comprehension in reading, expression, and documentation.

COMM 1003 Speech Communication 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)
The principles and attitudes that are necessary for good communication in the Christian life. Through lectures, exercises and graded experiences, the student is exposed to several of the most common communication situations.

BIBL 1113 Old Testament Survey 3 credit hours (Fall only)
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL OTHER OLD TESTAMENT COURSES)
A brief introduction to the Bible as a whole, an overview of the entire Old Testament and a survey of the authorship, date and occasion of writing, theme, purpose and contents of each Old Testament

book. Special attention is given to the first chapters of Genesis and the national history of Israel. Significant features of each book are pointed out and timeless, universal truths in each book are emphasized. \$30.00 fee required.

BIBL 1413 New Testament Survey 3 credit hours (Spring only)
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL OTHER NEW TESTAMENT COURSES) (Prerequisite to all other New Testament courses) A survey of the political, social, moral and religious background of the New Testament including a study of the authorship, date and occasion of 116 writing, theme, purpose and contents of each New Testament book. Special emphasis is given to certain books such as the Gospel of Matthew and the Acts of the Apostles. Special emphasis is given to the significance of the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Significant features of each book are pointed out and timeless, universal truths in each book are emphasized. \$25.00 fee required.

THEO 3113 Bible Doctrines I 3 credit hours (Fall only)
(Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, 1413) A study of the Biblical doctrines of the Scriptures, God (including the Trinity and God the Father), the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. \$25.00 fee required.

THEO 3123 Bible Doctrines II 3 credit hours (Spring only)
(Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, 1114) A study of the Biblical doctrines of angels (including Satan and fallen angels), mankind, sin, salvation, the church, and last things (future things). \$20.00 fee required.

HIST 1043 Survey of Western Civilization I 3 credit hours (Fall Only)
A survey of Western Civilization to 1789. The study will begin with the influence of the Ancient Near East and extend to the spreading Western intellectual tradition and the significance of its ideas within a political, historical chronology to 1789.

HIST 1053 Survey of Western Civilization II 3 credit hours (Spring Only)
A survey of Western Civilization from 1600 to the present. The study surveys Western intellectual traditions and the significance of their ideas within a political, historical chronology into the modern era.

INTD 3013 Humanities 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) (Prerequisite: HIST-1043 or HIST-1053)
The study of the major characteristics of Western Culture and the evidence of those characteristics in architecture, music, sculpture, literature, painting, and philosophy. Students will experience the professional arts by attending the theater, museum, and concert hall as opportunities arise and as the instructor directs.

ENGL 2103 British Literature I (Medieval to Renaissance) 3 credit hours (Prerequisite: ENGL-1023)
The reading of literature from Britain (England and its colonies) from its beginnings through the seventeenth century. The course treats major authors and works in the social and historical context of their times and seeks to relate pertinent values, ideas, and world views expressed therein to theistic and biblical truth.

PSYC-1003 General Psychology 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)
An introduction to the scientific method in the study of human relationships. Attention is given to factors influencing behavior, including the physical organism, human development, learning,

perception, motivation, emotion, and frustration.

PSYC-2213 Human Growth and Development 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)

A study of human development from a life span perspective, surveying all stages of development from conception to death.

PSYC 2313 Experimental Psychology 3 credit hours (Spring Only) (Prerequisites: 12 hours of psychology) An introduction to psychological research, past and present, with emphasis placed on experimental methodology and research design. A laboratory course: two hours lecture, one hour lab.

PSYC 3313 Psychological Testing and Evaluation 3 credit hours (Spring Only) (Prerequisite: PSYC-1003 or PSYC-2213) A study of the psychological tests of intelligence, achievement, aptitude, and personality, and their applicability, reliability, and validity as counseling tools.

STAT 2303 Introduction to Statistics 3 credit hours (Fall Only) An introduction to the use of statistical methods in the analysis of practical applications in business, education, psychology, and the social sciences. Topics covered include descriptive statistics (frequency distributions, central tendency measures, variability, normal curve transformations, and probability) and inferential statistics (parameter estimates, hypothesis testing, research methodology, the t-test for difference, correlation, analysis of variance, chi-square).

PSYC 4813 Psychology Seminar/Systems 3 credit hours (Spring Only) (Prerequisites: 21 hours of Psychology courses; Department Chair approval) An integration and re-emphasis of the preceding psychology courses and a historical review of important systematic positions in psychology. A reading and discussion course for psychology majors culminating with a comprehensive examination.

PSYC 4723 Theories of Counseling 3 credit hours (Spring Only) (Prerequisite: 12 hours of Psychology courses or Department Chair approval) A study of the major contemporary theories utilized in the counseling field and evaluated from a biblical worldview.

PSYC 4823 Psychology Practicum I 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) (Department chair approval; Senior status) Practical experience in a specialty area through volunteer work in an approved organization. Supervision and classroom sharing for one hour per week reinforce the practical experience. \$50.00 fee required.