



PSYCHOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

The Department of Psychology offers the following 4-year undergraduate degree programs: Bachelor of Arts (BA), BA Honours, Bachelor of Science (BSc), and BSc Honours. Students who meet the requirements can apply to enter the Honours Degree programs prior to their final year of studies. Our undergraduate degree programs provide broad exposure to the field of Psychology while allowing students to choose the elective courses that most interest them. The information in this handout is provided as a guideline only. Please consult the University Calendar for official program requirements (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/>). Additional information may be obtained from our web site (<http://psychology.ucalgary.ca/>) or by contacting the Department of Psychology directly at 220-5561.

Admission Process

The University of Calgary has a top-down, competitive admission process. A fixed number of students are admitted to the Psychology Major each year based on their high school matriculation average in the case of frosh applicants, or based on their grade point average in the case of transfer students. There is no guaranteed admission average. The deadline to apply is March 1. Frosh applicants are those who are coming directly to the University from high school or coming to the University solely with a high school background. Transfer applicants are those who have attended a post-secondary institution, including students who have previously attended the U of C in another degree program or as an unclassified student. Only grades in courses completed by the application deadline will be considered in the grade point average used for admission. Once a student has declared a Major in Psychology, he/she must maintain a grade point average of 2.00 or greater in accordance with standards set by the Faculty of Arts.

High School Requirements

English Language Arts 30-1

Subject from Group A or B

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Subject from Group A, B, C or D

If the fifth subject is from Group C or D, a minimum average of 65% on the first four subjects is required.

Group A: Social Studies 30-1, Language 30, 30-level language other than English

Group B: Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Mathematics 30-1* or PURE Mathematics 30*, Mathematics 30-2*, Mathematics 31, Physics 30, Science 30, CTS Computer Science.

Group C: Art 30, Art 31, Drama 30, Music 30 (one of Choral, General or Instrumental), Dance 35

Group D: Option 30 – May include other five-credit (or two three-credit) Alberta grade 12 subjects (Excluding Special Projects 30) or five credits in Advanced Series Career and Technology (CTS) courses.

*Pure Math 30 or an equivalent is recommended because it (or an equivalent) is a prerequisite for Psychology 312. Only one of the following courses may be presented as a Group B subject: Mathematics 30-1, PURE Mathematics 30 and Mathematics 30-2.

For BSc degree students, Math 30 is required (and Math 31 and Physics 30 are recommended) and Biol 30 and Chem 30 or equivalent are required for some Science foundation Courses.

Visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/admissions/> for more admission information and how to apply.

Previous Admission Averages

High School Student	Transfer Student
2015 – 86% (average is calculated over the five subjects from above)	2015 – 3.40 (average is calculated over the most recent coursework to a maximum of ten half-course equivalents)
2014 – 80%	2014 – 3.30

Faculty of Arts Degree Requirements

Successful completion of an approved program equivalent to 20 full course equivalents (FCEs)
7.5 to 10 FCEs in Psychology
A maximum of 8 FCE at the junior or 200 level
A minimum of 1 FCE must be taken from the Faculties of Science
A maximum of 1 FCE physical activity course may be taken

Degree Requirements

Because Psychology is one of the departments in the Faculty of Arts, students must fulfill requirements set by the Faculty of Arts and the Department of Psychology. Undergraduate degrees consist of 40 half-course equivalents (HCEs) or 20 full-course equivalents (FCEs). Five FCEs constitute a program year. For example, a student who has completed 12.5 FCEs is considered a third-year student.

Department of Psychology Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Arts (BA)	Bachelor of Science (BSc)
PSYC 200 & 201 Principles of Psychology I & II Course (1.0 FCE)	
PSYC 312 Experimental Design and Quantitative Methods for Psychology (1.0 FCE)	
PSYC 3XX Foundation Courses (minimum 2.5 FCE)	
PSYC 345 Social Psychology PSYC 351 Developmental Psychology or 353 Psychology of Aging PSYC 365 Cognitive Psychology or 369 Sensation and Perception PSYC 375 Brain and Behaviour PSYC 383 Personality or 385 Abnormal Psychology	PSYC 351 Developmental Psychology or 353 Psychology of Aging PSYC 365 Cognitive Psychology PSYC 369 Sensation and Perception PSYC 375 Brain and Behaviour PSYC 345 Social Psychology or 383 Personality or 385 Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 4XX/5XX Senior-level Courses (minimum 3 FCE)	
At least 1 FCE at the 400-level must have a lab	
Science Foundation Courses: BIOL 241 and 243; CHEM 201 or 211 and 203 or 213; MATH 249 or 265 and one of 211, 213, 253, 267; PHYS 211 or 221 or 227.	

What Can I Do With a Degree in Psychology? (this information provided by Career Services)

Both the knowledge base and skill sets acquired through the B.A. and B.Sc. programs provide preparation for a variety of careers. A bachelor's degree in psychology often serves as a valuable preliminary step to other professional careers such as medicine, law, management, social work, and education.

Aboriginal Liaison Addictions Counsellor Bank Teller Behaviour Therapist Career Development Professional Case Worker Child and Youth Care Worker Community Health Representative Correctional Officer Criminal Justice Educator Crisis Counsellor Crisis Line Worker Cultural Diversity Consultant Diversity Assessment Coordinator Education Coordinator	Entrepreneur Family Services Worker Foreign Services Officer Fundraiser Gerontological Specialist Hospice Coordinator Hospice Coordinator Human Resources Advisor Immigration Officer Labour Relations Specialist Lawyer Life Skills Coach Manager of Volunteer Programs Market Research Analyst Mediator	Mental Health Clinician Mental Health Worker Motivational Researcher Parole Officer Police Officer Policy Researcher Population Studies Researcher Psychologist Public Policy Researcher Public Relations Officer Recruitment Officer Researcher Teacher Technical Writer
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***bolded titles** indicate positions that require additional education

PSYCHs Undergraduate Society

Students accepted into psychology should check out PSYCHs. As a member of the PSYCHS club you will get free access to grad and honours seminars, discounts on the confectionary, use of office equipment (microwave, printers, SPSS), get in on Pizza Fridays and be encouraged to build community by hanging out in the office and meeting other members. <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~psychs/>