

# PSYCHOLOGY, B.S. (LIBERAL ARTS)

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**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** University Park, World Campus

## Program Learning Objectives

- **Knowledge of concepts, theories, and findings:** Demonstrate knowledge of major psychological concepts, theories, and empirical findings .
- **Ability to apply concepts and theories to research and real life:** Demonstrate the ability to apply psychological concepts and theories to research and real life situations.
- **Demonstrate knowledge:** Demonstrate knowledge about the history, values, and scientific foundations of the field of psychology.
- **Use critical scientific approach to solve problems:** Use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.
- **Critical thinking in application of science:** Demonstrate critical thinking in the analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of information in the scientific literature to distinguish the scientific literature from other sources.
- **Formulate and defend a scholarly opinion based on the literature:** Demonstrate the ability to formulate and defend one's own scholarly opinion based on reading, interpreting, and synthesizing psychological literature.
- **Communicate results:** Communicate effectively (in writing and/or orally) the results of a project or internship.
- **Extract, summarize, and write using psychological research:** Demonstrate the ability to effectively extract central points and summarize psychological research literature and to write in the format of psychological research.
- **Translate psychological knowledge into everyday language:** Demonstrate the ability to translate psychological knowledge into everyday language.
- **Research methods and design:** Differentiate among the research methods used in psychology and apply the designs in evaluation or development of a research study.
- **Analyze data using stats, graphs, and tables:** Demonstrate the ability to analyze and interpret quantitative psychological data using statistics, graphs, and data tables.
- **Knowledge/appreciation of diversity:** Show evidence of knowledge and appreciation for cultural diversity and relativity in human experience and for the complexity of human behavior and interactions.
- **Application of scientific and professional ethics:** Demonstrate knowledge, and the application of, basic principles of scientific and professional ethics.
- **Demonstrate sensitivity to ethical concerns and professionalism:** Demonstrate sensitivity to ethical concerns and professionalism (including cultural considerations) in settings where applications of psychology and/or psychological research occur.
- **Knowledge of professional options and training:** Demonstrate knowledge of professional options and required training for careers in the major subfields of psychology.

- **Identify career options:** Demonstrate the ability to identify personally-relevant career options to implement their psychological knowledge, skills, and values in occupational pursuits in a variety of settings.