Bachelor of Science in Psychology

The Department of Psychology at the University of Alaska Anchorage offers undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs aimed at preparing students: (1) for advanced study in the social and health sciences, and (2) to become members of the behavioral health workforce. The department also maintains the Psychological Services Center, a clinic that provides low-cost mental health services to campus and community members. The department strives to offer degree and certificate programs that meet the needs of the state of Alaska.

Licensure and/or Certification

This program is designed to meet the educational requirements for professional licensure or certification in the State of Alaska. However, the program might not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure or certification in other states. Please see UAA's Licensure and Certification website (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/office-of-academic-affairs/licensure.cshtml/) for more information.

Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/).
- Students wishing to declare psychology as a major must have earned a minimum GPA of 2.50.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/).
- Complete the General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/).
- All psychology majors are required to take the exit examination, a standardized test of knowledge of psychology approved by the Department of Psychology. There is no minimum score required for graduation. The exam is taken in the UAA Testing Center, and a fee will be charged to students.
- Complete the following major requirements with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 (C):

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<td>PSY A345</td>
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<td>Social Psychology</td>
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Psychology Capstone Requirement

Each capstone option is designed to synthesize and apply material from the psychology major. Choice of a capstone should be based, at least in part, on the student's future career plans. Students planning to work in human service jobs following graduation should consider taking PSY A495A. Students planning on graduate work in psychology should consider taking PSY A412, PSY A428, or PSY A499. Students may elect to take all of these courses as upper-division electives.

- PSY A412 History of Psychology
- PSY A428 Evolutionary Psychology
- PSY A495A Psychology Practicum
- PSY A499 Senior Thesis

Psychology Electives

Complete an additional 9 credits of upper-division psychology courses.

Writing

- WRTG A213 Writing and the Sciences

Mathematics and Statistics

Complete two of the following:

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<td>College Algebra for Calculus</td>
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<td>MATH A221</td>
<td>Applied Calculus for Managerial and Social Sciences</td>
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<td>STAT A253</td>
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Biology

Complete at least two of the following courses:

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<td>or BIOL A108</td>
<td>Principles and Methods in Biology</td>
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<td>Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab</td>
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<td>BIOL A200</td>
<td>Introduction to Complexity</td>
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BIOL A240 & A240L | Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences and Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences Laboratory  
BIOL A242 | Fundamentals of Cell Biology  
BIOL A252 | Principles of Genetics  
BIOL A273 | Experiential Learning: Ecology and Evolution  
BIOL A288 | Principles of Evolution  
BIOL A311 | Experiential Learning: Animal Physiology  
BIOL A320 | Vertebrate Biology  
BIOL A321 | Experiential Learning: Vertebrate Biology  
BIOL A412 | Behavioral Endocrinology  
BIOL A413 | Neurophysiology  
BIOL A415 | Comparative Animal Physiology  
BIOL A417 | Applied Kinesiology and Exercise Physiology  
BIOL A418 | Fish Physiology  
BIOL A419 | Sleep and Chronobiology  
BIOL A423 | Ichthyology  
BIOL A424 | Experiential Learning: Ichthyology  
BIOL A427 | Marine Invertebrate Biology  
BIOL A430 | Marine Mammal Biology  
BIOL A441 | Animal Behavior  
BIOL A442 | Experiential Learning: Animal Behavior  
BIOL A452 | Human Genome  
BIOL A455 | Experiential Learning: Bioinformatics  
BIOL A461 | Molecular Biology  
BIOL A463 | Molecular Biology of Cancer  
BIOL A467 | Wildlife Ecology  
BIOL/CHM A471 | Immunology  
BIOL A472 | Biogeography  
BIOL A473 | Conservation Biology  
BIOL/CHM A474 | Ecotoxicology  
BIOL A477 | Tundra and Taiga Ecosystems  
BIOL A481 | Marine Biology  
BIOL A483 | Exploration Ecology  
BIOL A484 | Experiential Learning: Exploration Ecology Field Study  
BIOL A486 | Evolutionary Ecology  
BIOL A487 | Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates

Experimental and Scientific Foundations 6-7

Complete two of the following:

ANTH A205 | Biological Anthropology  
ANTH A452 | Culture and Human Biodiversity

ANTH A455 | Culture and Health  
CHEM A103 | Introduction to General Chemistry  
CHEM A104 | Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry  
CHEM A105 | General Chemistry I  
CHEM A106 | General Chemistry II  
CHEM A321 | Organic Chemistry I  
CHEM A322 | Organic Chemistry II  
CHEM A441 | Principles of Biochemistry I  
CHEM A442 | Principles of Biochemistry II  
CS A109 | Computer Programming (Languages Vary)  
ECON A101 | Principles of Microeconomics  
ECON A102 | Principles of Macroeconomics  
ECON A333 | Experimental Economics  
ECON A456 | Behavioral Economics

Total 64-76

All of the above psychology capstone courses have rigorous prerequisites. Minimum grades of C in these prerequisites are required for admission into psychology's capstone courses.

A minimum of 120 credits is required for this degree, of which 39 credits must be upper-division.

Concentration in Behavior Analysis

This concentration provides foundational knowledge and professional skills to apply the science of behavior analysis across a range of settings and client populations, including staff in the workplace, children and adults with intellectual and cognitive disabilities, and individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

Completing the coursework below, in addition to required supervised practicum experience with a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, helps prepare students to apply for the Behavior Analysis Certification Board examination for becoming a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst.

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Code | Title | Credits
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PSY A200 | Introduction to Behavior Analysis | 3
PSY A400 | Strategies of Behavior Change | 3
PSY A495A | Psychology Practicum | 3

Complete a minimum of 6 credits of the following:

PSY A447 | Behavioral Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder | 6
**Honors in Psychology**

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology recognizes distinguished achievement by conferring programmatic honors in psychology. In order to receive honors in psychology, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Satisfy all requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Psychology;
- Maintain a minimum overall and psychology specific GPA of 3.50;
- Complete a total of three capstone courses:
  - One Psychology Capstone taken to meet the degree requirements.
  - PSY A499. The thesis project must be approved by the Undergraduate Studies Committee and carried out by following applicable departmental guidelines.
  - One additional Psychology Capstone course or a second term of PSY A499.
- Students intending to graduate with departmental honors must notify the Departmental Honors Committee in writing on or before the date they file their Application for Graduation with the Office of the Registrar.

**Honors Student Learning Outcomes**

Students graduating with departmental honors in psychology will possess:

- An advanced understanding and application of descriptive and inferential statistics and use of statistical software in data analysis.
- A broad knowledge of psychology’s historical foundation.
- The ability to conduct a critical review and analysis of existing psychological literature.
- The ability to design and execute empirical research that tests clearly stated hypotheses or addresses clearly articulated research questions.
- A clear understanding of research ethics and the responsible conduct of research in the field of psychology.
- The ability to communicate effectively in writing, in poster format, and in oral presentations, including mastery of APA style.
- The ability to draw conclusions from research findings, including recognition of the limitations, applications, and implications of the data, and a discussion of alternative explanations of the results.

**Program Student Learning Outcomes**

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology will be able to:

- Possess a broad knowledge of contemporary psychology.
- Have experience conducting psychological research.