

Department of Behavioral Sciences

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Behavioral Sciences is to prepare students through Christ-centered curriculum for occupations or advanced study in their fields of interest.

Criminal Justice Major

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The Criminal Justice major educates students in the fundamental concepts, knowledge, and skills of the criminal justice system with a biblical curriculum focused on service, integrity, and the development of leadership in the field. A Christ-like heart for public service and ministry is at the heart of the coursework. Students will examine the policies, principles, and social dynamics that shape the system of law and justice in the United States. This major builds on a foundation of psychology in addition to practical knowledge of law enforcement and criminal justice. This degree also lays the foundation for further graduate study in law or social work. The degree is granted upon successful completion of credits specified here and on pages 56–57 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Scientific & Quantitative Literacy** courses in core curriculum: mathematics course PSY3005; social science course SOC1035.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 55.

Track 1: General Criminal Justice

Required Courses	35 cr
CRJ2125 Criminology	4
CRJ3225 Criminal Justice	4
CRJ3226 Corrections	4
CRJ3228 Deviance [OCE, WCE]	4
CRJ4325 Juvenile Delinquency	2
CRJ4327 Criminal Law	4
CRJ4335 Police and Community	2
CRJ4995 Criminal Justice Internship	3
PSY2108 Lifespan Psychology	4
PSY3207 Abnormal Psychology	4
Select from the following	12 cr
CRJ4425 Juvenile Procedures	2
CRJ4995 Criminal Justice Internship (ADDITIONAL)	2–4
ICS3015 Race and Ethnicity in America	4
PSY1005 Introduction to Psychology	4
PSY3308 Principles of Counseling	4
PSY3317 Treatment of Special Populations	4
PSY4316 Marriage and Family Counseling	4

Track 2: Law Enforcement

Required Courses	51 cr
CRJ2125 Criminology	4
CRJ3225 Criminal Justice	4
CRJ3226 Corrections	4
CRJ3228 Deviance [OCE, WCE]	4
CRJ4325 Juvenile Delinquency	2
CRJ4327 Criminal Law	4
CRJ4335 Police and Community	2
CRJ4425 Juvenile Procedures	2
CRJ4426 Minnesota Criminal and Traffic Code	4
CRJ4435 Issues in Policing	2
CRJ4995 Criminal Justice Internship	3
ICS3015 Race and Ethnicity in America	4
PSY1005 Introduction to Psychology	4
PSY3207 Abnormal Psychology	4
PSY4316 Marriage and Family Counseling	4

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Criminal Justice Minor 23 cr

Required Courses: CRJ2125, 3225, 3226, 3228, 4327, 4995 (3 credits).

Psychology Major (AU Online)

Bachelor of Science

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology equips students with a theoretical and applied understanding of psychological principles to prepare them for graduate study in psychology, entry-level positions in the helping professions, or careers requiring a psychology background. Biblical coursework enables students to apply psychological principles from a Christian perspective. Students are encouraged (though not required) to declare a concentration. The degree is granted upon successful completion of credits specified here and on pages 56-57 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

The concentration in Health Psychology provides students with the theoretical background of how psychological, behavioral, cultural, and social factors influence health and wellness. Attention is given to the role of stress and lifestyle choices and how they affect our well-being; stress and pain interventions are also addressed.

The concentration in Marriage and Family examines foundations for family communication, problem solving, and relationships; a systems perspective on family dynamics and their impact upon marital quality and the family; as well as counseling and intervention strategies.

- **Scientific & Quantitative Literacy** courses in core curriculum: mathematics course PSY3208; social science course PSY2108 or PSY2005 and PSY2006.

Psychology Core 18 cr

PSY2005	Child and Adolescent Development and	
PSY2006	Adult Development or	
PSY2108	Lifespan Psychology	
	(SEE SCIENTIFIC & QUANTITATIVE LITERACY REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
PSY3207	Abnormal Psychology	4
PSY3208	Statistics for the Social Sciences	
	(SEE SCIENTIFIC & QUANTITATIVE LITERACY REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	
PSY3305	Research Methods in Psychology	4
PSY3308	Principles of Counseling	4
PSY4055	Professional Ethics	2
PSY4407	Integration of Psychology and Theology [OCE, WCE] . . .	4

Concentration/Selectives 16 cr
 Select a concentration/selectives. Requirements are listed below.

Health Psychology Concentration (16 cr)

PSY4025	Foundations of Health Psychology	4
PSY4026	Stress Management Strategies	4
PSY4027	Pain Management Strategies	4
PSY4425	Clinical Health Psychology	4

Marriage and Family Concentration (16 cr)

PSY4316	Marriage and Family Counseling	4
PSY4318	Marriage and Family Dynamics	4
PSY4365	Family Communication and Relationships	4
PSY4367	Intervention Strategies with Families	4

General Psychology Selectives (16 cr)
 Any PSY-prefix courses.
 Related transfer courses may apply toward elective credits.

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Psychology Minor (AU Online) 18 cr

Required Courses: PSY3207, 3308; 10 additional credits from courses with PSY-prefix.

Psychology Major (TR On-Campus)

Bachelor of Science

The Psychology major prepares students within a Christian context by educating them in four domains: psychological knowledge, scientific methodology, ethics, and communication skills. “Great are the works of the Lord; they are studied by all who delight in them” (Psalm 111:2). Psychology is the study of God’s greatest work—humankind. The discipline of psychology seeks to understand the nature of human development, motivation, thinking, learning, and emotion. An accurate picture of man must include the study of Scriptures; therefore, the study of psychology is made complete by integrating it with biblical principles. Furthermore, the study of psychology enables students to see themselves as persons of worth and significance. The study of psychology has practical value for Christian service. As we better understand people, we are more effective in our ability to minister to them. Students may earn a concentration in Forensic Psychology or Marriage & Family Counseling. Research and internship experiences help provide added value to their education. The degree is granted upon successful completion of credits specified here and on pages 56–57 (40 credits must be successfully completed in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Scientific & Quantitative Literacy** courses in core curriculum: mathematics course PSY3005; social science course, if chosen, must be selected from subjects other than psychology.
- **B.A. option** requires achieving 1002-level competency in an approved foreign language. See page 55.

Psychology Core 24 cr

PSY1005	Introduction to Psychology	4
PSY2108	Lifespan Psychology	4
PSY3135	Positive Psychology	4
PSY3207	Abnormal Psychology	4
PSY3308	Principles of Counseling	4
PSY4835	Senior Seminar in Psychology [OCE, WCE]	4

Concentration/Selectives 16 cr

Select a concentration. Requirements are listed below.

Forensic Psychology Concentration (16 cr)

CRJ3225	Criminal Justice	4
CRJ4327	Criminal Law	4
PSY4305	Measurement and Assessment	4
Select 4 credits from the following:		
CRJ3228	Deviance	4
CRJ4325	Juvenile Delinquency	2
CRJ4425	Juvenile Procedures	2
CRJ4995	Criminal Justice Internship	2–4

Health Psychology Concentration (16 cr)

PSY4025	Foundations of Health Psychology	4
PSY4026	Stress Management Strategies	4
PSY4027	Pain Management Strategies	4
PSY4425	Clinical Health Psychology	4

Marriage and Family Concentration (16–18 cr)

PSY4316	Marriage and Family Counseling	4
PSY4318	Marriage and Family Dynamics	4
PSY4365	Family Communication and Relationships	4
PSY4367	Intervention Strategies with Families	4
MIN3205	Human Sexuality	2
MIN3206	Relationships	4

Psychology Selectives Concentration (16–18 cr)

Any PSY-prefix courses.		
MIN3205	Human Sexuality	2 cr
MIN3206	Relationships	4 cr

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Psychology Minor (TR On-Campus) 18–20 cr

Required Courses: PSY1005, 2108, 3207, 3308; 2–4 additional credits selected from courses with PSY-prefix; MIN3205 or 3206.

Associate of Arts in Psychology (AU Online) (60 cr)

The Associate of Arts in Psychology is designed for students who have zero or minimal prior college credits. Students complete general education and psychology coursework designed with a Christian worldview. A.A. graduates are able to transition into one of the existing B.S. programs or pursue an undergraduate degree at another institution. The degree is granted upon successful completion of credits specified here.

- All approved Traditional Undergraduate courses will apply to the corresponding category. Related transfer credits may apply if approved.
- **Scientific & Quantitative Literacy** courses in core curriculum: must include at least one mathematics course and one natural science course; social science courses are optional.

Core Curriculum	30-33 cr	Creative Expression	3-4 cr
Biblical Thinking & Living	6-8 cr	(Art, Film, Literature, Music, or Theatre)	
Select 2 credits from the following:		Any ART or LIT prefix or any of the below:	
BIA1015 Interpreting Scripture	2	COM2008 Film Appreciation	3
MIN2016 Biblical Interpretation for Study	2	ENG2215 Writing Creative Nonfiction	2
Select 2 credits from the following:		THE1055 Introduction to Theatre	2
BIA1007 Christian Thinking and Living	2	Scientific & Quantitative Literacy	8 cr
BIB1008 History of Redemption	2	Select 2-6 credits from the following:	
BIB2008 Survey of the New Testament	2	Any MAT-prefix	
Select 2-4 credits from the following:		BUS2035 Business Mathematics and Statistics	4
PHI2005 Introduction to Philosophy	4	PSY3208 Statistics for the Social Sciences	4
PHI2016 Ethics	4	Select 2-6 credits from the following (lab not required):	
PHI2055 Introduction to Theological Philosophy	2	Any BIO (excludes BIO1025), CHE, PHY, or SCI prefix	
PHI3057 Christian Apologetics	2	BIO2016 Our Changing Climate	2
Leadership & Professionalism	2 cr	Select credits from the following, if needed:	
LDR3415 The Self-aware Leader	2	Any ANT, ECO, GEO, or SOC prefix or any of the below:	
Effective Communication	3 cr	ICS2045 Socio-cultural Anthropology	4
COM1075 Public Speaking	3	POS2005 U.S. National Government	4
Critical Thinking & Information Literacy	4 cr	Psychology Specialization	16 cr
(reinforces Effective Communication outcomes)		PSY1005 Introduction to Psychology	4
ENG1107 College Writing & Research	4	PSY2108 Lifespan Psychology or	
Cultural & Global Engagement	4 cr	PSY2005 Child and Adolescent Development and	
HIS1005 Historical Perspectives on Culture, Belief, and		PSY2006 Adult Development	4
Civilization	4	PSY3207 Abnormal Psychology	4
		PSY3308 Principles of Counseling	4
		General Electives	11-14 cr
		Select a combination of any electives.	

Social Studies Education Major see Department of Teacher Education
