

Psychology: Bachelor of Arts Honours, Major, and Minor

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Admission Type	Selective entry
Enrolment Type	Open enrolment
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Baccalaureate Degree
Offered At	Langley Richmond Surrey
Format	Full-time Part-time
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

Distinct from the more specialized Bachelor of Applied Arts in Psychology which focuses on applied skills and research in the context of the workplace and community service, the Bachelor of Arts Major in Psychology is a more traditional degree focusing on core areas in psychology including biopsychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, social/personality psychology and clinical/abnormal psychology. Students will have some flexibility to focus their studies in key areas of interest.

Those interested in further study and graduate school or who prefer more extensive research experience may augment their knowledge and skills by taking a separate one year research-focused Honours program in Psychology. The Honours program affords students an opportunity to develop and report on a research project under the direct supervision of a faculty member within the Psychology Department. The Honours program requires 12 credits in addition to the 120 required for a four-year Bachelor degree.

KEY FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDE:

- The development of knowledge, core competencies, and skills characteristic of Bachelor of Arts programs in Psychology
- Incorporation of critical thinking skills into all psychology courses
- The opportunity of pursuing graduate studies in psychology by taking the Honours program
- Highly qualified, innovative faculty
- The opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree at KPU where there is established emphasis on teaching, emerging emphasis on undergraduate research, long-standing connections to South Fraser communities, and accessibility for students in the expanding South Fraser region.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Although a BA in Psychology does not prepare graduates for specific occupations, the value of this degree has been documented many times and BA Psychology graduates can be found working in a variety of roles such as: group home coordinator, behaviour analyst, residential youth counselor, loans officer, and customer relations representative, to list but a few examples.

Careers in psychology generally require further study at the graduate level and to this end, the Honours program is available to students interested in pursuing graduate degrees.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to KPU's General university admission requirements, including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

Year One Admission:

- English 12 with a 'B' (or equivalent)
- Mathematics:
 - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent)

Year Three Admission:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Mathematics:
 - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in the above Two Quantitative courses (three credits of which must be from the Faculty of Science & Horticulture)
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

Honours Admission:

In order to be admitted to the Honours program students are expected to achieve and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.3 and to obtain a 'B+' grade in both PSYC 3300 and 3400. Students must also obtain endorsement from a faculty member who will serve as their thesis advisor, and be recommended by the Psychology Honours selection committee. Selections are made in May for the following September.

A limited number of seats are available each year for Honours students. Students must apply to the Honours program in the fall prior to the year they intend to begin the program.

Qualifying Year

Students who do not qualify upon initial application to KPU may be eligible for entry to the Qualifying Year. Students who possess at least a 'C' in English 12 (or equivalent) and a passing grade in either Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Math 11, Foundations of Mathematics 11, Applications of Math 12 (or equivalents) will be able to apply for entry to the BA Qualifying Year. Students will be admitted to the BA program in the second year provided they have successfully completed appropriate qualifying courses. Other applicants who do not qualify are encouraged to consult an Educational Advisor for the appropriate qualifying courses that satisfy the application criteria.

CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS

Current BA students must meet the following requirements to continue into their 3rd year of study. Registration access to third or fourth year courses is first awarded to students who have completed the following:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts Framework in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

Psychology Honours

In addition to the 120 credits required by the Bachelor of Arts, Major in Psychology degree (below), The Honours program consists of two 6 credit thesis courses (PSYC 5001 and PSYC 5010) that are offered in September and January respectively. For the BA, PSYC 5001 and 5010 must be taken in addition to the 120 credits required for degree completion.

Students must complete the following 2 courses in addition to their 120 credit degree requirement:

PSYC 5001 Honours Thesis I (BA) 6 credits

PSYC 5010 Honours Thesis II 6 credits

To qualify for the Psychology Honours degree, students must have been admitted to the Honours program prior to earning the Psychology degree. Students may receive either the Psychology degree or the Psychology Honours degree, but not both.

Psychology Major

Students must complete the following requirements for the Psychology Major.

1000 AND 2000 LEVEL

Complete the following 1000 and 2000-level requirements for the Psychology Major

All of:

PSYC 1100	Introduction to Psychology: Basic Processes	3 credits
PSYC 1200	Introduction to Psychology: Areas and Applications	3 credits
PSYC 2300	Applied Statistics	3 credits
PSYC 2315	Brain and Behaviour	3 credits
PSYC 2330	Social Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 2385	Cognition	3 credits
PSYC 2400	Experimental Psychology: Research Methodology	3 credits

Electives

Recommended electives can be chosen from:

PSYC 2308	History & Systems of Contemporary Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 2350	Psychopathology	3 credits

Or one of:

PSYC 2320	Developmental Psychology: Childhood*	3 credits
PSYC 2321	Developmental Psychology: Adolescence*	3 credits
PSYC 2322	Developmental Psychology: Adulthood*	3 credits

3000 AND 4000 LEVEL

Students must take a minimum of 30 credits of 3000 and 4000 level psychology courses. This must include at least ONE course from each of the five core areas. The remaining 15 credits may be selected from the list of additional courses or from the core areas.

Core areas:

1. Biopsychology:

PSYC 3320	Drugs and Behaviour	3 credits
PSYC 3910	Neuropsychology	3 credits
PSYC 4315	Neuroscience	3 credits

2. Cognitive:

PSYC 3215	Psychology of Memory	3 credits
PSYC 3303	Psychology of Learning	3 credits

PSYC 3311	Psychology of Consciousness	3 credits
PSYC 3800	Evolutionary Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 4210	Critical Thinking	3 credits

3. Developmental:

PSYC 3316	Infancy	3 credits
PSYC 3920	Aging	3 credits

4. Social/Personality:

PSYC 3210	Attitudes and Persuasion	3 credits
PSYC 3220	Group Dynamics	3 credits
PSYC 3307	Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 3370	Advanced Personality Theory	3 credits
PSYC 3451	Psychology and Law	3 credits
PSYC 4700	Cultural Psychology	3 credits

5. Clinical/Abnormal:

PSYC 3350	Advanced Topics in Psychopathology	3 credits
PSYC 3450	Clinical Psychotherapy	3 credits
PSYC 3600	Health Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 4350	Developmental Psychopathology	3 credits

Additional Courses:

PSYC 3200	Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 3300	Applied Statistics II	3 credits
PSYC 3400	Applied Research I	3 credits
PSYC 3500	Interpersonal Relations I	3 credits
PSYC 3930	Consumer Psychology - Research & Applications	3 credits
PSYC 3940	Adult Education	3 credits
PSYC 3950	Cognitive Ergonomics	3 credits
PSYC 3970	Community Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 3980	Environmental Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 4100	Tests and Measurement	3 credits
PSYC 4200	Human Factors: Technology and Behaviour	3 credits
PSYC 4350	Developmental Psychopathology	3 credits
PSYC 4400	Applied Research II	3 credits
PSYC 4500	Interpersonal Relations II	3 credits
PSYC 4600	Positive Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 4800	Professional and Ethical Issues	3 credits
PSYC 4900	Special Topics in Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 4910	Rehabilitation	3 credits

Psychology Minor

Students must complete the following requirements for the Psychology Minor:

1000 AND 2000 LEVEL

Students are required to complete all of the following courses:

PSYC 1100	Introduction to Psychology: Basic Processes	3 credits
PSYC 1200	Introduction to Psychology: Areas and Applications	3 credits
PSYC 2300	Applied Statistics	3 credits
PSYC 2315	Brain and Behaviour	3 credits
PSYC 2385	Cognition	3 credits
PSYC 2400	Experimental Psychology: Research Methodology	3 credits

And at least 1 course from the following list:

PSYC 2308	History & Systems of Contemporary Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 2320	Developmental Psychology: Childhood	3 credits
PSYC 2321	Developmental Psychology: Adolescence	3 credits
PSYC 2322	Developmental Psychology: Adulthood	3 credits
PSYC 2330	Social Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 2350	Psychopathology	3 credits
PSYC 2370	Psychology of Personality	3 credits

3000 AND 4000 LEVEL

Psychology courses at the 3000 level are accessible to all students who have completed Introductory Psychology 1100 and 1200, plus any additional prerequisite course indicated.

Students who have completed nine credits of required Psychology courses at the 2000 level (including Psychology 2300 and 2400), plus the BA entrance requirements, can apply for entry to the Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Psychology.

Courses at the 4000 level will require prerequisites at the 2000 and possibly 3000 level.

Students are required to complete at least one (1) course from each of the following five core areas:

1. Biopsychology:

PSYC 3320	Drugs and Behaviour	3 credits
PSYC 3910	Neuropsychology	3 credits
PSYC 4315	Neuroscience	3 credits

2. Cognitive:

PSYC 3215	Psychology of Memory	3 credits
PSYC 3303	Learning: Theory & Practice	3 credits
PSYC 3311	Psychology of Consciousness	3 credits

PSYC 3800 Evolutionary Psychology 3 credits

PSYC 4210 Critical Thinking 3 credits

3. Developmental:

PSYC 3316 Infancy 3 credits

PSYC 3920 Aging 3 credits

4. Social / Personality

PSYC 3210 Attitudes and Persuasion 3 credits

PSYC 3220 Group Dynamics 3 credits

PSYC 3307 Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Psychology 3 credits

PSYC 3370 Advanced Personality Theory 3 credits

PSYC 3451 Psychology and Law 3 credits

PSYC 4700 Cultural Psychology 3 credits

5. Clinical / Abnormal

PSYC 3350 Advanced Topics in Psychopathology 3 credits

PSYC 3450 Clinical Psychotherapy 3 credits

PSYC 3600 Health Psychology 3 credits

PSYC 4350 Developmental Psychopathology 3 credits

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of the honours program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**. Transcripts will indicate a **Major in Psychology**.

Upon successful completion of the major program students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts**. Transcripts will indicate a **Major in Psychology**.

Upon successful completion of the minor as part of a Bachelor of Arts program, transcripts will indicate a **Minor in Psychology**.