

Degree Path: B.S. in Psychology

College of Behavioral Sciences and Community Services

Freshman Year

Fall Semester 15 hours
GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success ∞
ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I ∞
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 1) ∞
MTH 1113/1123 (Math option) ∞
BIO 1113 Biological Science ∞
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option) ∞

Spring Semester 16 hours
COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech ∞
ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II ∞
(prereq: ENG 1113)
PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology ∞
HIS 1113 American History I ∞
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 2) ∞
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option) ∞

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester 14 hours
ENG 2273/2233 (English option) ∞/◇
(ENG 2243, if preferred, is spring only)
(prereq: ENG 1123)
PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
PSY 2423 Cultural Issues in Helping Professions ◇
COU 2523 Pro., Ethical, & Special Issues for the
Addictions Professional ◇
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option) ∞

Spring Semester 15 hours
GOV 2213 National & State Government ∞
PSY 2323 Developmental Psychology
PSY 3313 Abnormal Psychology
PSY 3323 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option)

Junior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours
PSY 3333 Theories of Personality
PSY 4333 Intro to Psychological Tests and
Measurements
PSY 4113 History and Systems in Psychology
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 1)
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option) ∞

Spring Semester 15 hours
PSY 3453 Social Psychology ◇
PSY 3463 Theories and Principles of Learning ◇
PSY 4483 Human Sexuality ◇
COU 3143 Pharmacology of Addiction ◇
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option) ∞

Senior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours
PSY 4313 Behavioral Science Research ∞
(Spring, if preferred, is online only)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 2)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 3)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 4)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 5)

Spring Semester 15 hours
PSY 4343 Introduction to Biopsychology ◇
PSY 4583 Field Practicum ∞
(Course offered online only)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 6)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 7)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 8)

Please Note:

- This plan is one example of how to complete the degree in 4 years. It assumes no transfer credit and no developmental coursework. It will work for some, but not for all.
- You can meet with your scheduler, program coordinator, or department chair to plan around your circumstances and develop your personal degree path. Degree requirements and offerings are subject to change, so consult advisors for ongoing updates.
- When possible, sign up for the lowest coded courses first. Courses in psychology/counseling are offered once a year, so sign up for them in the semester they are first offered.
- Course Offering Codes:

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OVERVIEW

The purpose of the bachelor's degree in psychology is to prepare undergraduate students to provide quality educational and professional Christian service by gaining a comprehensive understanding of basic psychology and related disciplines. The Psychology degree integrates a biblical perspective with the foundations, concepts, and basic skills of Psychology, including clinical and research methodology. The degree in psychology prepares students for graduate programs in psychology and related fields. At Nelson, we offer graduate degrees in general psychology, clinical mental health counseling, and clinical psychology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Nelson psychology faculty members are more than just scholars—they are Spirit-filled believers with many years of clinical, administrative, and teaching experience. Licensed professionals provide a teaching experience informed by their broad clinical experience in the mental health field, including medical centers and hospitals, outpatient clinics, prison settings, juvenile facilities, neuropsychological rehabilitation departments, private practice, the U.S. government, and the military. Some of them also have prior teaching experience in public and private colleges and universities. For more information on Nelson U faculty, refer to the faculty biographical area. Many of the Nelson U psychology alumni have gained admission to various graduate programs and become professionals in their fields, including licensed psychologists, professors, human resources professionals, licensed counselors, lawyers, and licensed social workers, among others.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 51 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- ☐ COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- ☐ ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ☐ ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- ☐ GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success
- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
 - ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature
 - ENG 2233 American Literature through the Civil War
 - ENG 2243 American Literature after the Civil War

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- ☐ GOV 2213 National and State Government
- ☐ HIS 1113 American History I
- ☐ PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 6 hours

- ☐ BIO 1113 Biological Sciences
- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
 - MTH 1113 College Mathematics OR
 - MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

- ☐ PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
- ☐ 2 hours from Activity Courses PED 1101-2291

General Biblical Studies: 18 hours

- ☐ BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry and Mission
- ☐ BIB 2213 Bible Study
- ☐ REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- ☐ REL 1173 Introduction to Biblical Literature
- ☐ THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- ☐ THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MAJOR STUDIES 45 Hours

- ☐ PSY 2323 Developmental Psychology
- ☐ PSY 2423 Cultural Issues in the Helping Professions
- ☐ COU 2523 Professional, Ethical, and Special Issues for Addictions Professional
- ☐ COU 3143 Pharmacology of Addiction
- ☐ PSY 3313 Abnormal Psychology
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MINOR STUDIES/GENERAL ELECTIVES 24 Hours

- ☐ 24 hours of student's choice

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 120 Hours