



**Psychology**  
**Bachelor of Science**  
**Behavioral & Health Sciences**  
**GPS/Online**

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The B.S. in Psychology at King provides unique blends of action with reflection and Christian spirituality with broad intellectual growth. This level of integration is possible because Psychology is the crossroad science of the cultural mind, individual behavior, and the organic brain, and thus prepares students for a wide variety of careers.

Students in the GPS/online Psychology program will become familiar with the research process, the community with which they hope to work, and the processes of family life, child development, and/or adolescent development.

The program offers learning experiences that let students develop a unique view of human beings: one that is critically aware of the limitations and biases in current knowledge, one that is constructively able to seek out new approaches to understanding others, and one that knows how to observe, record, analyze, discuss, interpret, and explain to others what humans do and why.

Such knowledge is useful for students seeking graduate studies in psychology (clinical, counseling, experimental, and social work), graduate studies in related areas (medicine, law, ministry, and education), and careers that do not require further study (case workers in social welfare programs, health services, juvenile justice services, social services director, promotional program director).

General Psychology (PSYC 1520) is a required course in the Psychology program. It is recommended that students take General Psychology prior to entering the program. If a student intending to major in Psychology has not completed General Psychology prior to matriculation or prior to entering the Psychology major, he/she is required to complete it within the first two semesters of enrollment in the major. King offers the course online in “Quest” format (5 learning modules spread over the entire 15-week semester), so the course can be taken in addition to the three specified Psychology courses for the major.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

The B.S. degree in Psychology actively seeks to live out King University’s mission. It is designed to provide students with converging viewpoints addressing the diversity of psychology, the integration of faith and psychology, and practical experiences to enhance skills appropriate for graduate study or an immediate career. Specifically, the Student Learning Outcomes for this program are:

1. Graduates will demonstrate familiarity with major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.
2. Graduates will demonstrate understanding and apply research methods in psychology, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation.
3. Graduates will demonstrate understanding and apply psychological principles to personal, social, or organizational issues.

4. Graduates will identify and develop skills and experience related to desired career goals.

**Comprehensive Assessment (PSYC 4990)**

All candidates for the psychology degree from King are required to demonstrate competency by completing the Major Field Achievement Test (MFAT). The MFAT will be administered online to all students in the semester that they complete program requirements. The test will cover four broad areas of psychology. The areas are cognition, clinical/abnormal, perception/physiology, and social/ developmental. Any student who does not meet this requirement will not graduate until the requirement has been met.

**Technology Requirements**

Laptop computer, with minimum of Microsoft Office 2010 or later, wireless capability, and webcam required.

**Psychology Major Requirements**

PSYC 3000	
Social Psychology.....	4 s.h.
PSYC 3040	
Cognitive Psychology.....	4 s.h.
PSYC 3050	
Lifespan Human Development.....	4 s.h.
PSYC 3100	
Statistics for the Social Sciences .....	4 s.h.
PSYC 3150	
Research Methods and Measurement in Psychology .....	4 s.h.
PSYC 3200	
Individual Research Project.....	4 s.h.
PSYC 4000	
Theories of Personality.....	4 s.h.
PSYC 4050	
Abnormal Psychology .....	4 s.h.
PSYC 4100	
Theories of Counseling.....	4 s.h.
PSYC 4150	
Group Dynamics.....	4 s.h.
PSYC 4200	
Introduction to Christian Counseling.....	4 s.h.
PSYC 4250	
Applied Psychology.....	4 s.h.
PSYC 4990	
Comprehensive Assessment .....	<u>0</u> s.h.
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>48 s.h.</b>

**Summary of Total Credits**

General Education Minimum Requirements (must include General Psychology).....	30 s.h.
Major Requirements.....	48 s.h.
Electives/Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major .....	<u>46</u> s.h.
<b>Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Science .....</b>	<b>124 s.h.</b>