

# PSYCHOLOGY (BA)

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences



CSU, San Bernardino's Palm Desert Campus offers upper division coursework for this major. Lower division courses should be completed at College of the Desert prior to transfer. Students must complete COD's California State University General Education Certification course pattern to fulfill lower-division general education requirements. Up to 70 semester units of transferable community college coursework may be applied to the degree. NOTE: Students with coursework completed outside of the state of California or at other four-year institutions should make an appointment to see a transfer advisor to determine lower division course equivalencies.

## REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER THE BA PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY: (COLLEGE OF THE DESERT unless noted as CSU)

As prerequisite for acceptance into the psychology program students must complete the following as 'Pre-psychology major'. Upon completion of the requirements the major will be changed automatically to psychology (if major has been declared). Students may then enroll in PSYC 300 and 400 level courses.

<b>PSY 1</b>	General Psychology
<b>MATH 14 or SOC 3</b>	Statistics*
<b>PSYC-101</b>	Psychology as a Major (CSU)**

\* Students are encouraged to take PSYC-210 (CSU) to fulfill their Statistics requirement. \*\*PSYC-101 is offered as a distance learning course. Students may take this course at PDC.

To become a psychology major, the combined grade point average in the above courses must be minimum 2.5, with no grade lower than "C" (2.0).

*Note: Students who transfer to CSUSB completely certified in general education may use MATH 14 or SOC 3 to "double count" for the G.E. Math and Statistics requirements. (In this case, only three courses will be used to calculate the GPA requirement mentioned above.)*

## LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (COLLEGE OF THE DESERT unless noted as CSU)

<b>PSY 1</b>	General Psychology
<b>PSYC 101</b>	Psychology as a Major (CSU)
<b>PSYC 3</b>	Developmental Psychology (4.5)

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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## UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS PALM DESERT CAMPUS (unless noted as CSUSB)

**PSYC 311** Intro to Experimental Psychology

### Fields of Psychology 12 units chosen from:

<b>PSYC 355</b>	Industrial Psychology (4)
<b>PSYC 382</b>	Psychology of Social Behavior (4)
<b>PSYC 385</b>	Personality (4)
<b>PSYC 390</b>	Abnormal Psychology (4)

### Basic Processes 12 units chosen from:

<b>PSYC 357</b>	History & Systems of Psychology (4)
<b>PSYC 360</b>	Cognitive Psychology (4)
<b>PSYC 362</b>	Learning & Motivation (4)
<b>PSYC 363</b>	Biological Psychology (4)
<b>PSYC 364</b>	Perception (4)

### Applications 4 units chosen from:

<b>PSYC 315</b>	Communication Processes (5)
<b>PSYC 318</b>	Health Psychology (4)
<b>PSYC 351</b>	Behavior Modification: Principles & Apps (4)
<b>PSYC 377</b>	Test and Measures (4)
<b>PSYC 386</b>	Intro to Psychotherapy (4)
<b>PSYC 575</b>	Intern. in Psychology (4) *requires approval

### Advanced Culminating Experience

*Students must select one of the following two options:*

#### OPTION I (6 units) Six units chosen from: (CSUSB)

<b>PSYC 431</b>	Exper. Psychology: Developmental (6)
<b>PSYC 432</b>	Exper. Psychology: Clinical (6)
<b>PSYC 433</b>	Exper. Psychology: Biological (6)
<b>PSYC 434</b>	Exper. Psychology: Social (6)
<b>PSYC 435</b>	Exper. Psychology: Personality (6)
<b>PSYC 436</b>	Exper. Psychology: Learning & Motivation (6)
<b>PSYC 437</b>	Exper. Psych: Cognition & Perception (6)
<b>PSYC 438</b>	Exper. Psych: Industrial/Organ. (6)

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## OPTION II (8 units)

### a. Four units chosen from: (CSUSB)

- PSYC 421** Sem. in Psychology: Developmental (4)  
**PSYC 422** Sem. in Psychology: Clinical (4)  
**PSYC 423** Sem. in Psychology: Biological (4)  
**PSYC 424** Sem. in Psychology: Social (4)  
**PSYC 425** Sem. in Psychology: Personality (4)  
**PSYC 426** Sem. in Psychology: Learn. & Motivation (4)  
**PSYC 427** Sem. in Psych.: Cognition & Perception (4)  
**PSYC 428** Sem. in Psych Indust. & Organ. (4)

### and b.

- PSYC 357** History & Systems of Psychology (4)  
(If taken in Basic Processes category, four additional units are required in the Fields, Basic Processes, or Applications category)

## UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVES

Sixteen units chosen from 300 - 500 level Psychology course offerings.

**Note:** Students intending to apply to doctoral programs in psychology are encouraged to take the following courses:

- PSYC 357** History and Systems of psychology  
**PSYC 377** Test and Measures  
**PSYC 410** Advanced Psychological Statistics  
**PSYC 595** Independent Studies

## AND Option I above for the Culminating Experience.

CSU, San Bernardino requires all undergraduates to complete four (4) Upper Division General Education courses in addition to the above mentioned requirements (see CSUSB Advisor for specific courses). Additionally, CSUSB requires a minimum of 186 quarter units to confer a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

**Note:** Most PSYC-300 level courses are offered at PDC (once per year or once every other year). PSYC-400 level advanced labs and seminars will only be offered at the CSUSB main campus.

## PSYCHOLOGY HONORS PROGRAM

The Psychology Department invites applicants for our Honors Program. In this program, our top students conduct an independent research project under the supervision of a Psychology faculty sponsor. The Honors Program is a 3-quarter sequence of courses, beginning with PSYC-597 (Honors Seminar) and culminating with PSYC-598A and PSYC-598B (Honors Project). Students enrolled in PSYC-597 are required to attend the seminar at the main campus in the fall quarter, and work independently with their faculty sponsor in the winter and spring quarters.

Students planning to pursue graduate training in Psychology are strongly encouraged to join the Psychology Honors Program. They are also strongly encouraged to make an appointment to see our Psychology Faculty Representative at PDC or our academic counselors at the Psychology Peer Advising Center at the CSUSB main campus.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Admission standards and procedures are the same whether a student intends to enroll at PDC or the San Bernardino campus. Students should submit an application and transcripts of all previous college course work as early as possible prior to the time they wish to enroll. Applications can be obtained by calling or coming to the PDC office, and pre-admission counseling is available.

## REGISTRATION

Students may register by phone (TRACS) or during late registration which occurs just prior to the beginning of each academic term. Since classes fill up quickly, students are advised to use TRACS. Additional information about registration is available at the PDC office.

## STUDENT SERVICES AVAILABLE

Students may take advantage of all San Bernardino campus programs and services as well as those offered at the Palm Desert campus. Programs and services available at PDC include the following:

- √ Financial Aid Assistance
- √ Pre-admission counseling
- √ Academic advising
- √ DOS computer facilities
- √ Guest lectures, speakers and student programs

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

PDC students are encouraged to participate in all academic and social student groups of interest to them whether based at Palm Desert or at the San Bernardino campus. A key component in PDC government is the Student Advisory Board which represents the student body to the Dean and develops programs and services such as AAUW, English club, psychology club and an accounting association.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR AREA RESIDENTS

**Open University:** Area residents who wish to attend classes at PDC without pursuing a degree may enroll on a space-available basis.

**Over-Sixty Program:** Fees are waived for California residents over the age of sixty who are eligible for admission. Registration is on a space available basis. There is a small administrative charge.

**Learning in Retirement Program:** Peer learning study and discussion courses are offered in art, music, literature, history, etc. on a non-degree, non-credit basis. The two hour meetings are held once each week for ten weeks. A small tuition is required.