

# PSYCHOLOGY - B.S.

College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of Psychological Sciences  
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## About This Program

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology program prepares you for graduate study or careers in fields like clinical psychology and other areas of psychology, neuroscience and medicine. Explore topics such as trauma, brain function, child development, mental health and many others while gaining hands-on research experience. Optional concentrations in Child Psychology and Pre-Medicine/Pre-Podiatry allow you to tailor your degree to your goals. Read more...

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

## Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries\*

### Clinical, counseling, and school psychologists

- 3.1% about as fast as the average
- 171,500 number of jobs
- \$79,820 potential earnings

### Industrial-organizational psychologists

- 2.5% slower than the average
- 1,100 number of jobs
- \$96,270 potential earnings

### Psychologists, all other

- 2.3% slower than the average
- 19,800 number of jobs
- \$105,780 potential earnings

### Psychology teachers, postsecondary

- 8.8% much faster than the average
- 46,800 number of jobs
- \$78,180 potential earnings

## Social science research assistants

- 5.8% faster than the average
- 40,100 number of jobs
- \$49,210 potential earnings

\* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

## Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students.

**First-Year Students on the Kent Campus:** First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

**First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses:** First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

**International Students:** All international students must provide proof of proficiency of the English language (unless they meet specific exceptions) through the submission of an English language proficiency test score or by completing English language classes at Kent State's English as a Second Language Center before entering their program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

**Former Students:** Former Kent State students who have not attended another institution since Kent State and were not academically dismissed will complete the re-enrollment process through the Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center. Former students who attended another college or university since leaving Kent State must apply for admissions as a transfer or post-undergraduate student.

**Transfer Students:** Students who attended an educational institution after graduating from high school or earning their GED must apply as transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog's Academic Policies.

Students may be required to meet certain criteria to progress in their program. Any progression requirements will be listed on the program's Coursework tab

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

Table with 3 columns: Code, Title, Credit Hours. Rows include Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA) such as PSYC 11762, PSYC 21621, PSYC 31282, PSYC 31574, PSYC 31684, PSYC 40111, PSYC 41363, and Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA) such as UC 10001, Foreign Language, Kent Core Composition, Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts, General Electives, and Concentrations like Child Psychology and Pre-Medicine/Pre-Podiatry.

1 Students who are also declared in the Sociology major may substitute SOC 32220 for PSYC 21621.

Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration

Table with 3 columns: Code, Title, Credit Hours. Rows include Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA) such as Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Electives, ANTH, BSCI and PSYC Electives, and Application of Psychological Science Electives, and Concentrations like Child Psychology and Pre-Medicine/Pre-Podiatry.

Table with 3 columns: Code, Title, Credit Hours. Rows include PSYC 41574, PSYC 41901 or PSYC 41980, PSYC 42574, PSYC 40445, PSYC 40446, PSYC 41043, PSYC 20651, PSYC 30651, PSYC 30656, MATH 11009, MATH 11010, MATH 11022, MATH 12002, Science Electives, BSCI 10110, BSCI 10120, CHEM 10060, CHEM 10061, and Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA) such as Kent Core Social Sciences, Kent Core Additional, and General Electives.

1 No more than 12 credit hours of PSYC 31498, PSYC 41492 and PSYC 41498 combined may be applied toward major requirements in psychology.
2 Maximum 6 credit hours of PSYC 31498 and PSYC 41498 combined may be applied toward the Application of Psychological Science area.
3 A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

Child Psychology Concentration Requirements

Table with 3 columns: Code, Title, Credit Hours. Rows include Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA) such as PSYC 20651, Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Electives, Application of Psychological Science Electives, HONR 40099, PSYC 31498, PSYC 41492, PSYC 41498, PSYC 41573, and PSYC 41574.

PSYC 41901	WRITING IN PSYCHOLOGY (WIC) <sup>4</sup>	
or PSYC 41980	RESEARCH WRITING IN PSYCHOLOGY (WIC)	
PSYC 42574	ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS	
Child Psychology Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		12
PSYC 30651	ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 30652	SOCIAL AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT	
PSYC 30655	CHILDREN'S THINKING	
PSYC 40112	PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS OF CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE	
PSYC 40382	PEDIATRIC PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 41395	SPECIAL TOPICS IN CHILD PSYCHOLOGY <sup>5</sup>	
Cognition/Learning Electives, choose from the following:		6
PSYC 40445	COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 40446	COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE	
PSYC 41043	BASIC LEARNING PROCESSES	
Mathematics Elective, choose from the following:		3-5
MATH 11009	MODELING ALGEBRA (KMCR)	
MATH 11010	ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS (KMCR)	
MATH 11022	TRIGONOMETRY (KMCR)	
MATH 12002	ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	
Science Electives, choose from the following (must include one laboratory):		8
BSCI 10110	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (ELR) (KBS) (KLAB)	
BSCI 10120	BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS (ELR) (KBS) (KLAB)	
CHEM 10060	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	
CHEM 10061	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (KBS)	
<b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b>		
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		3
Kent Core Additional		3
General Electives		18
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>71</b>

<sup>1</sup> No more than 12 credit hours of PSYC 31498, PSYC 41492 and PSYC 41498 combined may be applied toward major requirements in psychology.

<sup>2</sup> No courses listed as Child Psychology Concentration Electives may be applied toward upper-division Psychology (PSYC) electives for students declared in the Child Psychology concentration.

<sup>3</sup> Maximum 6 credit hours of PSYC 31498 and PSYC 41498 combined may be applied toward the Application of Psychological Science area.

<sup>4</sup> A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

<sup>5</sup> Maximum 9 credit hours may be applied toward concentration requirements.

## Pre-Medicine/Pre-Podiatry Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)</b>		
BSCI 10120	BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS (ELR) (KBS) (KLAB)	4
BSCI 30130	HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY	3
or BSCI 40430	ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY	
BSCI 30140	CELL BIOLOGY	4
BSCI 30156	ELEMENTS OF GENETICS	3
BSCI 30171	GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	4
CHEM 10060	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	4
CHEM 10061	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (KBS)	4

CHEM 10062	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
CHEM 10063	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
CHEM 30284	INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY	4
or CHEM 40245	BIOCHEMICAL FOUNDATIONS OF MEDICINE	
CHEM 30475	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LABORATORY I (ELR)	1
CHEM 30476	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LABORATORY II	1
MATH 12002	ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	5
PHY 13001	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS I (KBS)	4
PHY 13002	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS II (KBS)	4
PHY 13021	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY I (KBS) (KLAB)	1
PHY 13022	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY II (KBS) (KLAB)	1
PSYC 41901	WRITING IN PSYCHOLOGY (WIC) <sup>1</sup>	1
or PSYC 41980	RESEARCH WRITING IN PSYCHOLOGY (WIC)	
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level) <sup>2</sup>		6
Cognition/Learning Elective, choose from the following:		3
PSYC 40445	COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 40446	COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE	
PSYC 41043	BASIC LEARNING PROCESSES	
Developmental Elective, choose from the following:		3
PSYC 20651	CHILD PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	
PSYC 30651	ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 30656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	
Organic Chemistry courses, choose one of the following:		6
CHEM 20481	BASIC ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I	
& CHEM 20482	and BASIC ORGANIC CHEMISTRY II	
CHEM 30481	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I	
& CHEM 30482	and ORGANIC CHEMISTRY II	
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>71</b>

<sup>1</sup> A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

<sup>2</sup> No more than 12 credit hours of PSYC 31498, PSYC 41492 and PSYC 41498 combined may be applied toward major requirements in psychology.

- While individual medical or osteopathy schools may require a variety of additional courses, the following courses are recommended and encouraged:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BSCI 30518	VERTEBRATE ANATOMY	4
COMM 15000	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN COMMUNICATION (KADL)	3
ECON 22060	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS (KSS)	3
ECON 42086	ECONOMICS OF HEALTH CARE	3
PHIL 21001	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
PSYC 40111	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
PSYC 41363	BIOPSYCHOLOGY	3
SOC 42563	SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE	3

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.500	2.000

Foreign Language College Requirement, B.S.

- Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 8 credit hours of foreign language.<sup>1</sup>
- The following programs are exempt from this requirement: The Bachelor of Science in Cybercriminology and the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science.<sup>2</sup>
- Minimum Elementary I and II of the same language

<sup>1</sup> All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may start beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language. When students complete the requirement with fewer than 8 credit hours and two courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

<sup>2</sup> The Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science exemption exists under another college policy (Three-Plus-One Programs). The Bachelor of Science in Cybercriminology exemption is due to its extensive collaboration with and contribution from the Information Technology program in the College of Applied and Technical Studies, which does not have a foreign language requirement.

Roadmaps

Psychology Major (No Concentration)

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. Students will work with their advisor to develop a sequence based on their academic goals and history. Courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Science Elective		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		
Science Elective		4
Mathematics Elective		3-5
Developmental Elective		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Three		
PSYC 21621	QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY I	3
Cognition/Learning Elective		3

Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Four		
PSYC 31574	RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR)	3
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		13
Semester Five		
PSYC 31282 or PSYC 31532	PERSONALITY or SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 40111	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level)		6
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
PSYC 31684	QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY II	3
PSYC 41363	BIOPSYCHOLOGY	3
Application of Psychological Science Elective		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
ANTH, BSCI or PSYC Elective		3
Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
Cognition/Learning Elective		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
ANTH, BSCI or PSYC Elective		3
Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
General Electives		10
Credit Hours		16
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

Child Psychology Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. Students will work with their advisor to develop a sequence based on their academic goals and history. Courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Science Elective		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		
PSYC 20651	CHILD PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
Mathematics Elective		3-5
Science Elective		4
Kent Core Requirement		3

Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Semester Three</b>	
PSYC 21621 QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY I	3
Cognition/Learning Elective	3
Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
Foreign Language	4
Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Semester Four</b>	
PSYC 31574 RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR)	3
Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
Foreign Language	4
Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Semester Five</b>	
PSYC 31282 PERSONALITY or or SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY PSYC 31532	3
PSYC 40111 PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
Child Psychology Concentration Elective	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
General Elective	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Six</b>	
PSYC 31684 QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY II	3
Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
Application of Psychological Science Elective	3
General Electives	6
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Seven</b>	
PSYC 41363 BIOPSYCHOLOGY	3
Child Psychology Concentration Elective	3
Cognition/Learning Elective	3
Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Elective	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Eight</b>	
Child Psychology Concentration Electives	6
General Electives	10
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>

## Pre-Medicine/Pre-Podiatry Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. Students will work with their advisor to develop a sequence based on their academic goals and history. Courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

<b>Semester One</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BSCI 10120 BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS (ELR) (KBS) (KLAB)	4
CHEM 10060 GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	4
CHEM 10062 GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
PSYC 11762 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10001 FLASHES 101	1

Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Semester Two</b>	
BSCI 30156 ELEMENTS OF GENETICS	3
CHEM 10061 GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (KBS)	4
CHEM 10063 GENERAL CHEMISTRY II LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
MATH 12002 ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	5
Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Semester Three</b>	
BSCI 30140 CELL BIOLOGY	4
CHEM 20481 BASIC ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I or or ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I CHEM 30481	3-4
CHEM 30475 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LABORATORY I (ELR)	1
PSYC 21621 QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY I	3
SOC 12050 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Semester Four</b>	
CHEM 20482 BASIC ORGANIC CHEMISTRY II or or ORGANIC CHEMISTRY II CHEM 30482	2-3
CHEM 30476 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LABORATORY II	1
PSYC 31574 RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY (ELR)	3
PSYC 41901 WRITING IN PSYCHOLOGY (WIC) or or RESEARCH WRITING IN PSYCHOLOGY PSYC 41980 (WIC)	1
Developmental Elective	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Semester Five</b>	
BSCI 30130 HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY or or ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY BSCI 40430	3
BSCI 30171 GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	4
PHY 13001 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS I (KBS)	4
PHY 13021 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY I (KBS) (KLAB)	1
Cognition/Learning Elective	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Six</b>	
CHEM 30284 INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY or or BIOCHEMICAL FOUNDATIONS OF CHEM 40245 MEDICINE	4
PHY 13002 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS II (KBS)	4
PHY 13022 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY II (KBS) (KLAB)	1
PSYC 31282 PERSONALITY or or SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY PSYC 31532	3
PSYC 31684 QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY II	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Seven</b>	
PSYC 40111 PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
PSYC 41363 BIOPSYCHOLOGY	3
Foreign Language	4
Kent Core Requirement	3



Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Semester Eight</b>	
Psychology (PSYC) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level)	6
Foreign Language	4
General Electives	4
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>

## University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

**NOTE:** University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

## Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>36-37</b>

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Describe the basic theoretical perspectives, principles, concepts, empirical findings and historical trends in psychology.
2. Understand and use fundamental data analysis techniques.
3. Understand and apply basic research methods/tools in psychology and evaluate the adequacy of research designs.
4. Write effectively in the discipline.

5. Recognize, understand and respect the complexity of sociocultural and international diversity.

## Program Policies

### Foreign Language Requirements

In general, students may elect any foreign language taught through the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies. However, certain majors, concentrations and minors require specific languages or limit the languages from which students may choose. In addition, students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular languages for that study. In such cases, students should seek the advice of the appropriate department before selecting a language.

### Progress Toward Fulfillment

College of Arts and Sciences students are encouraged to begin meeting the foreign language requirement as early as possible in their program to ensure timely degree completion.

## Mandatory Outcomes Assessment

In addition to the other General Requirements of the college, candidates for an undergraduate degree in the College of Arts and Sciences are required, as a condition of graduation, to participate in an outcomes assessment. These outcomes assessments are conducted by each undergraduate degree program in the College of Arts and Sciences.

## Full Description

The Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology is designed to prepare students for graduate study in psychology and related fields. Topics include stress and trauma, neural basis of learning and memory, social and biological influences on mental and physical health, growth and development of children and diagnosis and treatment of psychological disorders. Students evaluate and interpret data and gain hands-on experience conducting research. Elective courses may be used to specialize in a number of areas of psychology and related fields such as neuroscience. The degree prepares students for graduate study and employment in a range of fields, including clinical psychology, research and experimental areas of psychology such as cognitive science and behavioral neuroscience and related fields such as medicine and neuroscience.

The Psychology major includes the following optional concentrations:

- The **Child Psychology** concentration is designed to prepare students for graduate study in clinical psychology, research and experimental areas of psychology, school counseling, developmental psychology, school psychology or related disciplines that require knowledge of interpersonal relationships and human development. Topics include child development, psychological disorders of childhood and adolescence, children's cognitive processes, personality development and child-related research experience.
- The **Pre-Medicine/Pre-Podiatry** concentration prepares students to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and have the required prerequisites necessary for applying to medical school.

Students may declare the program with no concentration and develop a plan of study to meet their career path within psychology.