

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

The Psychology major is designed to provide an understanding and perspective of professional psychology as well as the challenges and problems of living. The major is a foundational study for graduate school and for everyday life.

Program Outcomes:

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in *Psychology* will be able to:

- understand and articulate varied trends and methods in the field of psychology
- apply psychological concepts to practical situations
- demonstrate awareness of key issues in the field of psychology and delineate a critically reflective stand on those issues

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Psychology Core | | |
| PSY 140 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 220 | Interpersonal Skills Training | 3 |
| PSY 255 | Psychology of Addiction | 3 |
| PSY 285X | Statistics | 4 |
| PSY 300 | Personality Theories | 3 |
| PSY 310 | Abnormal Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 320 | Theories of Learning | 3 |
| PSY 330 | Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 346X | Research Methods and Design | 3 |
| PSY 356 | Conflict Management | 3 |
| PSY 371 | Dynamics of Group Behavior | 4 |
| PSY 381 | Counseling Theories | 3 |
| PSY 382 | Crisis Counseling | 3 |
| PSY 383 | Marital Counseling | 3 |
| PSY 384 | Parent Education | 3 |
| PSY 440 | Integration of Psychology and the Christian Faith | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 50 |

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology/Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling

The Trinity College Undergraduate Program and Trinity Graduate School (TGS) offer a dual degree Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling option at Trinity Florida that allows students to take graduate coursework toward the MA in Mental Health Counseling while completing their BA in Psychology. With this accelerated option, students can apply to the MA/MHC program at TGS while still completing an undergraduate degree. Interested students are advised to discuss the program with their advisor as early as possible to allow for expedient course planning and to assure that overlapping course requirements can be planned and scheduled.

Students may apply for the dual degree program upon completion of 70 credit hours with a 3.0 cumulative GPA. A positive recommendation from a TIU instructor capable of assessing their suitability for graduate work is required. This instructor must have had substantial interaction with the student, per the Dean or the Dean's designee. Transfer students may apply for the program if they have 70 hours of undergraduate course work, a positive recommendation from a psychology instructor, and a 3.0 GPA for all transferred college work, including a 3.0 GPA in Trinity coursework.

Approved students will take nine (graduate) credits in the MA/MHC, which, upon completion of those nine credits, will reduce the number of (undergraduate) credits required to complete a bachelor's degree from 120 to 111. This can be accomplished in one or more of the following ways:

1. ID 5001 Foundations of Integrative Thought (3 hours) replaces either BI 101 or BI 111 in the general education category Biblical Studies; or 3 hours of undergraduate elective credit.
2. ID 5002 Foundations of Cultural Engagement (3 hours) replaces the general education requirement in the category Social Science; or 3 hours of undergraduate elective credit.
3. One graduate MHC course (3 hours) replaces 3 hours of undergraduate elective credit.

Or, if a student does not take ID 5001 and/or ID 5002 as an undergraduate, one or two additional MHC courses (3 or 6 credits) replace an additional 3 or 6 hours of undergraduate elective credit.

Thus on completion of the undergraduate degree, students will be approximately a full semester ahead as they continue graduate studies in the MA/MHC program.