

## PSYCHOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

The Department of Psychology offers the following 4-year undergraduate degree programs: Bachelor of Arts (BA), BA Honours, Bachelor of Science (BSc), and BSc Honours. Students who meet the requirements can apply to enter the Honours Degree programs prior to their final year of studies. Our undergraduate degree programs provide broad exposure to the field of Psychology while allowing students to choose the elective courses that most interest them. The information in this handout is provided as a guideline only. Please consult the University Calendar for official program requirements ([www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar)). Additional information may be obtained from our web site ([www.psychology.ucalgary.ca](http://www.psychology.ucalgary.ca)) or by contacting the Department of Psychology directly at 220-5561.

### Admission Process

The University of Calgary has a top-down, competitive admission process. A fixed number of students are admitted to the Psychology Major each year based on their high school matriculation average in the case of high school applicants, or based on their grade point average in the case of transfer students. There is no guaranteed admission average. The deadline to apply is March 1. High school applicants are those who are coming directly to the University from high school or coming to the University solely with a high school background. Transfer applicants are those who have attended a post-secondary institution, including students who have previously attended the U of C in another degree program or as an unclassified student. Only grades in courses completed by the application deadline will be considered in the grade point average used for admission.

### High School Requirements

English Language Arts 30-1 and four approved subjects. (Only one approved option course (5 credit or two 3 credit) can be used to fulfill one approved subject requirement.)

**Approved 5 Credit Courses:** Any Grade 12 IB diploma or AP, Aboriginal Studies 30, Any 5 credit second language or language and culture course at the 30 level, Math 30-1, 30-2 or 31, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, Science 30, Social Science 30-1, CTS Computer Science Advanced (5 credits), Physical Education 30.

**Approved 3 Credit Courses:** Aboriginal Studies 30, Applied Sociology 30, Career & Technology (CTS) Advanced Levels, International Politics 30, World Religions 30, World Geography 30, Experimental Psychology 30, Cultural & Physical Anthropology 30, Applied Science 30, Philosophies of Man 30, Microeconomics 30, Macroeconomics 30, Western World History 30, may include other 30- or – 35 level subjects at the discretion of the Admissions Office. \*\*20 level & 30 level subjects CANNOT be combined to complete a requirement.

**Approved 5 Credit (or two-3 credit) Optional Courses:** Fine Arts Option (Art, Choral Music, General Music, Drama, Dance), Work Experience 35, Religious Studies 35, Social Studies 30-2, Career & Technology (CTS) Advanced Level, may include other 30- or – 35 level subjects at the discretion of the Admissions Office.

**Courses Not Approved:** English 30-2 and Special Projects 30

\*Biology 30 and Chemistry 30 are required as prerequisites for Biology 241 in the BSc in Psychology.

\*Either Math 30-1 or 30-2 is required as a prerequisite for Psychology 312. Only one of Math 30-1 or 30-2 may be presented for admission.

\*Only one Grade 12 level course in a language stream may be used to satisfy admission requirements

\*A minimum grade of 70% in Alberta Mathematics 30-1 is the prerequisite for first year math courses.

\* Two subjects in the same field may not be presented to satisfy entrance requirements unless these subjects are: Math 30-1 or 30-2 and 31 or languages other than English with Admissions approval.

Visit [www.ucalgary.ca/admissions/requirements](http://www.ucalgary.ca/admissions/requirements) for more admission information & how to apply.

### Previous Admission Averages

High School Student	Transfer Student
2016 – 80% (average is calculated over the five subjects from above)	2016 – 3.20 (average is calculated over the most recent coursework to a maximum of ten half-course equivalents)
2015 – 82%	2015 – 3.20

### Faculty of Arts Degree Requirements

Successful completion of an approved program equivalent to 120 Units/20 full course equivalents (FCEs)
45 to 60 Units (7.5 to 10 FCEs) in Psychology
A maximum of 48 Units (8 FCE) at the junior or 200 level
A minimum of 6 Units (1 FCE) must be taken from the Faculties of Science
A maximum of 6 Units (1 FCE) physical activity course <b>may</b> be taken

### Degree Requirements

Because Psychology is one of the departments in the Faculty of Arts, students must fulfill requirements set by the Faculty of Arts and the Department of Psychology. Undergraduate degrees consist of 120 Units – 40 half-course equivalents (HCEs) or 20 full-course equivalents (FCEs). 30 Units (Five FCEs) constitute a program year. For example, a student who has completed 75 Units (12.5 FCEs) is considered a third-year student.

### Department of Psychology Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Arts (BA)	Bachelor of Science (BSc)
PSYC 200 & 201 Principles of Psychology I & II Course (6 units/1.0 FCE)	
PSYC 312 Experimental Design and Quantitative Methods for Psychology (6 units/1.0 FCE)	
PSYC 3XX Foundation Courses (minimum 15 units/2.5 FCE)	
PSYC 345 Social Psychology PSYC 351 Developmental Psychology or 353 Psychology of Aging PSYC 365 Cognitive Psychology or 369 Sensation and Perception PSYC 375 Brain and Behaviour PSYC 383 Personality or 385 Abnormal Psychology	PSYC 351 Developmental Psychology or 353 Psychology of Aging PSYC 365 Cognitive Psychology PSYC 369 Sensation and Perception PSYC 375 Brain and Behaviour PSYC 345 Social Psychology or 383 Personality or 385 Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 4XX/5XX Senior-level Courses (minimum 18 units/3 FCE) At least 6 units/1 FCE at the 400-level must have a lab	
	Science Foundation Courses: BIOL 241 and 243; CHEM 201 or 211 and 203 or 213; MATH 249 or 265 and one of 211, 213, 253, 267; PHYS 211 or 221 or 227.

### What Can I Do With a Degree in Psychology?

([www.psync.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/what-can-i-do-my-degree](http://www.psync.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/what-can-i-do-my-degree))

Both the knowledge base and skill sets acquired through the B.A. and B.Sc. programs provide preparation for a variety of careers. A bachelor's degree in psychology often serves as a valuable preliminary step to other professional careers such as medicine, law, management, social work, and education.

Aboriginal Liason	Entrepreneur	Mental Health Clinician
Addictions Counsellor	Family Services Worker	Mental Health Worker
Bank Teller	Foreign Services Officer	Motivational Researcher
Behaviour Therapist	Fundraiser	Parole Officer
Career Development Professional	<b>Gerontological Specialist</b>	Police Officer
Case Worker	Hospice Coordinator	Policy Researcher
Child and Youth Care Worker	Hospice Coordinator	Population Studies Researcher
Community Health Representative	Human Resources Advisor	<b>Psychologist</b>
Correctional Officer	Immigration Officer	Public Policy Researcher
Criminal Justice Educator	Labour Relations Specialist	Public Relations Officer
Crisis Counsellor	<b>Lawyer</b>	Recruitment Officer
Crisis Line Worker	Life Skills Coach	Researcher
Cultural Diversity Consultant	Manager of Volunteer Programs	<b>Teacher</b>
Diversity Assessment Coordinator	Market Research Analyst	<b>Technical Writer</b>
Education Coordinator	Mediator	

\***bolded titles** indicate positions that require additional education