

BS Psychology (Psychological Science)

See how psychology is found in all corners of life. Work with renowned faculty to explore the complex answers to many of the mysteries of human and animal behavior, such as how humans manage stress and emotions and how body image affects our sense of identity.

Program Description

In addition to coursework, the BS program in psychology with a concentration in psychological science offers students the opportunity to work alongside faculty researching exciting new questions. Students are also able to apply their knowledge through internships that help prepare them for interesting careers that provide opportunities for them to use their knowledge of psychology.

The Department of Psychology expects to provide its graduates with a foundation of psychology that may be applied in their own lives, not only for their transition into jobs and careers, but also in marriages, families and other important aspects of life.

Location: Tempe campus

Additional Program Fee: Yes

Second Language Requirement: No

First Required Math Course: MAT 119 - Finite Mathematics

Math Intensity: Moderate



An award winning research environment **driven by access, inclusion, and excellence.**

Our researchers and teachers offer amazing opportunities to both undergraduate and graduate students to make lasting change in the real-world, through course work, research, and community-based interventions. We teach our students fundamental scientific methods, help them develop their critical thinking and communication skills, and provide them opportunities to translate research knowledge into



Students in the Department of Psychology come from around the world and from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds. This diversity in subject and background creates meaningful research and experiences. With over 3,000 students pursuing a degree in the psychology, 47% are students of color, 38% are Pell grant eligible, and 33% are the first in their families to attend a university.



#9 Undergraduate Program Rank **Best Value Schools*

Greater Phoenix

Climate

Enjoy 300 days of sunshine a year and an average temperature of 76 degrees.

Arts and Culture

Greater Phoenix is a rich arts and culture environment with diverse museums, theater, concert halls, and cultural centers, such as the renowned Heard Museum, Phoenix Art Museum, Arizona Science Center, Phoenix Symphony, Arizona Opera, Ballet Arizona and the Arizona Theatre Company.

Outdoors

Phoenix has a number of lakes just a short drive away offering opportunities for boating, sailing, windsurfing, water and jet skiing, fishing and more. The area is home to dozens of parks and preserves — both in and around the city — with hundreds of miles of multiuse trails for hiking and biking. The state is home to three national parks, including the Grand Canyon, and other popular destination spots like Sedona.

Sports

All four of Arizona's major professional sports teams — Arizona Cardinals (NFL), Phoenix Suns (NBA), Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB) and Arizona Coyotes (NHL) — call the metro Phoenix area home, as do the Phoenix Mercury (WNBA), Arizona Rattlers (IFL) and Phoenix Rising FC (USL). The area has over 170 golf courses.

Cost of Living

Greater Phoenix offers the diverse amenities of a major metropolitan region without the high cost of living. As the fifth largest state in the U.S. and one of the most dynamic and rapidly growing regions in the nation, living and working here is both exciting and affordable.

Low Tax Position

Low personal income taxes and low effective property tax rates offer affordability and opportunities for everyone to thrive.

Business and Industry

Arizona is home to a surging industrial ecosystem, early stage entrepreneurs, and tech-savvy millennial talent who are breaking new ground across a wide range of industry growth sectors. What's more, Arizona offers a robust portfolio of programs and resources supporting both large and emerging tech companies. The state's rich startup culture continues to thrive and is a preferred choice for technology companies seeking growth. Leading startups have collectively taken advantage of Arizona's high-skills talent base. Arizona's solid reputation and assertive stance on innovation led Fast Company to rank Arizona No. 1 in the country for "entrepreneurial activity."





Research and mentorship

Undergraduates and graduate students actively work with award-winning faculty, like Arizona Biosciences Educator of the year, Heather Bimonte-Nelson, who researches how hormones like estrogen and progesterone affect the brain. The work happening in the Behavioral Neuroscience of Memory and Aging lab is highly relevant to the study of understanding normal aging processes as well as Alzheimer's disease.

Dedicated to discovery

The Department of Psychology at Arizona State University is dedicated to engaging bold scientific enterprise, developing innovative psychological methods and integrating students into the excitement of psychological discovery in both the classroom and the laboratory.



A promise: Psych for Life®

We will be at your side, not just during your time here at ASU but also long after. Scientific psychology has much to offer as we navigate romantic relationships and friendships, parenting and work lives, mental and physical well-being, community building, and a host of other central domains of life. You should have access to leading-edge, evidence-based information about how to enhance the quality of your lives.

Diversity Mission Statement



The Department of Psychology at Arizona State University is committed to fostering an environment that values, prioritizes, and promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging among its students, faculty, and staff. The Department is continually engaged in the identification and correction of barriers to participation and representation in all departmental activities and functions. To that end, the Department has formed a committee—**Psych for All**—comprising representatives of departmental stakeholders. The mission of Psych for All is to materialize the Department's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging as specific initiatives, activities, programs, and policy recommendations.

The Department acknowledges that our institution, Arizona State University, is situated on the ancestral lands of Indigenous nations. We thank the Native communities of the Salt River Valley—including the Akimel O'odham and the Pee Posh nations—who have inhabited this place for centuries, and whose stewardship of the land and waterways allows us to be here now.

DEIB Objectives:

- To provide a safe and supportive environment for addressing issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- This may include advocacy and mediation of acute issues, and the development of programs to increase awareness and appreciation of diversity issues.
- To create initiatives to increase diversity of department, curriculum, and field.
- This may include identifying barriers that disproportionately affect minority groups, developing initiatives to promote diverse representation across levels in the community, and promoting diversity in guest speakers, and in the research and the researchers represented in our curriculum.
- To advise on practices to protect and promote diversity via departmental and university-level practices/procedures.
- This may include providing guidance during hiring, admission, programmatic milestones, retention, promotion, recognition, evaluation, and access to financial resources.

Example Initiatives: Energize



Make a difference through **psychology research.**



Top-ranked research solving the mysteries of the mind, brain, and behavior

52 Tenure Track Faculty

48 Research Labs

44% of Graduate students are from Diverse Populations

Top-10 in NSF Research Expenditure

PhD's in Psychology

- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Clinical Psychology
- Cognitive Science
- Developmental Psychology
- Quantitative Psychology
- Social Psychology

Other graduate programs

- Addiction Psychology (MS)
- Applied Behavior Analysis (MS)
- Political Psychology (MA)