

Psychology Degree Program

Important Facts

Concentrations:

- Human Services
- Human Development
- Industrial/Organizational
- Counseling/Clinical/Research

Size: over 500 students in each the resident and online programs

Accreditation: We are accredited through SACS.

Internship Opportunities: All Psychology majors are required to do an internship.

Important Facts for Students In Psychology Major

A degree in Psychology from Liberty University can take you anywhere you want to go. Whether you want to do graduate work in psychology, work in the human services field, work with older adults or young children, go into counseling, or enter any other sector of the job market, a degree in Psychology can open the door for you.

1. Currently the resident Psychology program offers only the B.S. degree. The Psychology major is also offered through LU Online, which offers an A.A. degree. However, there are no specific specializations offered through LU Online.
2. Graduates from this department are well prepared for more advanced study in Psychology. They have succeeded in graduate programs at major universities across the country with several having earned doctorates. Other graduates enter the job market directly after graduation.
3. Those who have graduated have chosen specific jobs based on their degree as well as obtained other employment. Strong academic preparation, Christian character, and a caring attitude are a winning combination for the Liberty University graduate in psychology.
4. It is recommended for students to save a few general studies courses to take during their internship if they choose the Richmond or Washington DC options.
5. For Faculty, Staff or other contact information please visit the following link:
<http://www.liberty.edu/academics/arts-sciences/psychology/index.cfm?PID=192>

Please feel free to direct any additional questions to the following individuals:

1. Heather Cuellar (Professional Advisor for A-R) – hcuellar@liberty.edu
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3. Dr. Dennis Jennings (Department Chair & Professor) – djennings@liberty.edu

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What kind of jobs can I get with a degree in Psychology?**
Students can work in the Mental Health field, Crisis Intervention centers, Private Care programs, as a Play Therapist, in Nursing Homes, as a Case Worker, and can conduct Research in any field. Students will be prepared to go on to graduate school if they desire to be a School Psychologist or Child Psychologist.
- 2. What specializations does Psychology offer?**
The Psychology Department currently offers Human Services, Adult Development, Child/Adolescent Development, Industrial/Organizational, and Counseling and Clinical Research.
- 3. What math requirement do I have to take as a Psychology major?**
Students who are Psychology majors must take MATH 201 and PSYC 255 before taking PSYC 355. Students should be enrolled in one of these two courses by their second semester and should take them consecutively before PSYC 355. Students must take MATH 110 as a prerequisite to MATH 201 but may get a prerequisite override depending on the student's SAT score or math courses they have transferred in.
- 4. How many classes are required to receive a specialization?**
Six courses (18 credit hours) are required for each of the specializations.
- 5. May I declare more than one specialization?**
Students may declare two specializations. Students can use the same course to count for both specializations, but may not use a course toward the specialization and the core of the major.
- 6. How is my Advisor determined, and what do they do?**
You are assigned a Professional Advisor according to your major. This Professional Advisor is a full-time employee in the **Center for Academic Support and Advising Services (CASAS)** who is available to assist you each semester with your class scheduling and graduation tracking. (Note that since all academic advising is now under CASAS, you can benefit from a more mentoring-based relationship with a Faculty Mentor, Dr. Gadomski, mlgadoms@liberty.edu from the Psychology Department.)
- 7. Do I have to apply to the Psychology Department?**
No, you just need to declare a major as Psychology by completing a Declaration of Major form and submitting it to CASAS.
- 8. Am I required to have an internship to graduate?**
Yes, all Psychology majors are required to either do an internship (PSYC 499) or a research project (PSYC 498). The research project (PSYC 498) has the prerequisite of PSYC 440 and is recommended primarily for students who are taking courses for the Counseling and Clinical Research concentration. Contact the Psychology Department, 434-592-4035 or psychology@liberty.edu for more information on possible qualified internships for Psychology. Read the set of Powerpoint slides at the Internships link of the resident Psychology Department webpage to get detailed information on the internship process.
- 9. If I made a "D" in a required course in my major, do I need to take it again?**
Yes, if that course is an upper-level course (300-400 level).