

MAJOR MAP

Psychology - Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts

Most popular minors: Sociology, General Business, Sexuality Studies, Women Studies, Cognate Minor, etc.



URL for Undergrad Catalog - bgsu.edu/catalog.html

CLASS OPTIONS	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
	<p>Course expectations for Psychology majors: First semester: Complete Psyc 1010 Second semester: Take at least one 3000- or 4000-level group class in Psychology (e.g., 3030, 3070, 3010, 3500, 4050) AND work on BGP requirements. NOTE: If you have not completed to Math 1220, consider taking math. BA students should complete BIOL 1010 or 1040, and BS students should take BIOL 2040/2050.</p>	<p>Finish math requirements if needed. Consider taking Psyc 2700. Take additional 3000- and 4000-level group requirement courses to explore various areas of Psychology. Finish BGP requirements.</p>	<p>Finish A & S multidisciplinary component classes. Finalize minor choice. Take Psyc 2900. Consider an honors degree in psychology.</p>	<p>Finish two required lab courses and psychology electives relevant to your future plans.</p>
GOOD ADVICE	<p>Meet with an advisor or attend a group advising session. Meet with your psychology instructors during their office hours and before and after class. Stop by the Learning Commons if you need help in your courses.</p>	 <p>Make sure to get involved in faculty and doctoral student research projects. Meet with an advisor to discuss graduate school or career options. Review your Junior Audit.</p>	<p>Meet with a psychology advisor to discuss and review applications for graduate school or career options. Visit the Career Center. Apply for graduation at the beginning of the semester in which you plan to graduate.</p>	
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	<p>Attend the Volunteer Fair and Campus Fest in the fall semester to learn about student and community organizations related to your psychology or other interests. Join organizations that seem interesting.</p> 	<p>Volunteer for relevant community organizations such as Children's Resource Center, Behavioral Connections, etc.</p>	<p>Consider an internship, especially during the summer. Take the Internship Skills class (Psyc 4400) to prepare and identify internship sites. Network with BGSU Psychology Alumni to explore your career options.</p>	<p>Participate in the Undergraduate Research Conference. Join the American Psychology Association or Association for Psychological Science as a student affiliate.</p>
USEFUL CONNECTIONS	<p>Join the Bowling Green Ungraduate Psychology Association and/or the Student Neuroscience Association. Like Department of Psychology's Facebook page to follow department news.</p>	<p>Consider joining psychology-related organizations such as National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Society for Human Resource Management, and Take Back the Night.</p>	<p>Consider becoming a tutor for other psychology majors or obtaining a leadership position in a student organization.</p>	<p>Attend the Ohio Psychology Undergraduate Research Symposium or a regional conference to network. Assume a leadership role in a psychology-related organization.</p>
GLOBAL VIEWS	<p>Explore study abroad options by attending a workshop from Education Abroad.</p>	<p>Visit the BGSU Career Center at www.bgsu.edu/career-center and consider enrolling in the Falcon Internship Guarantee Program. Explore in-demand careers, career pathways, and occupations using http://www.OhioMeansJobs.com</p>	<p>Make sure to take foreign language courses if you haven't fulfilled the foreign language requirement. Study abroad if possible.</p> 	<p>Think about working abroad or volunteering for the Peace Corps post graduation.</p>
CAREER PREP	<p>During the summer, read psychology-related books. Ask a psychology faculty member for suggestions based on your interests. Enroll in the Falcon Internship Guarantee Program through the BGSU Career Center.</p>	<p>Attend Undergraduate Psychology Association forums on applying to graduate school. Attend Department of Psychology colloquia and research talks.</p>	<p>Start preparing for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) if you are planning to attend graduate school and start researching programs that would be a good fit.</p> 	<p>For graduate school admission, take the Graduate Record Examination (or appropriate exam) early in the fall semester.</p>

Graduation & Beyond

- Counselor
- Community mental health services
- Psychotherapist
- Professor
- Management
- Human resources
- Research
- Community relations

Students who want a professional career in psychology typically continue on to a master's or doctoral program in a related field.

Points of Pride

Recent graduates have gone on to jobs as home health specialists at Zepf Center, youth intervention specialists at Parmedle, behavior specialists at Children's Resource Center, and child welfare case workers at Franklin County Children's Services.

- The department is one of the top-ranked programs in Ohio as judged by US News and World Report.
- The Industrial-Organizational Psychology doctoral program is currently ranked #3 nationally.
- The Clinical Psychology Program was ranked as a top doctoral program in Clinical Psychology.

PROGRAM SUCCESS

Clinical Psychology Ph.D. nationally ranked Bowling Green State University's clinical psychology Ph.D. program is among the best in the nation according to two recent reports. On the list compiled by counselingpsychology.org, BGSU is ranked 2nd in the nation for its success in preparing students for careers in professional counseling.

The website bestcounselingdegrees.net ranks the University 22nd on its list of the country's 50 best Ph.D. programs in clinical psychology for 2016.

"The rankings are affirmation that we offer a top-flight program and have developed an excellent reputation," said Michael Zickar, chair of BGSU's psychology department.

"Our program has excelled in providing a balanced experience that focuses on rigorous academic research as well as excellent practical experiences and placement," he said, adding, "Our doctoral students learn from world-class faculty and then go on to apply those experiences in mental health facilities throughout the region and the nation."

The main metric for both rankings is the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) administered by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards as part of the process in granting licensure. BG's passage rate is 100 percent. The exam is "one of the

best ways to determine how well students are prepared for a career in professional counseling," according to bestcounselingdegrees.org's website.

Bestcounselingdegrees.org's rankings also look at the percentage of doctoral students who successfully obtain American Psychological Association-accredited internships. More than 91 percent of BGSU's doctoral students achieved that marker.

The program is one of 300 clinical psychology Ph.D. programs nationwide that is accredited by the American Psychological Association. BGSU's program follows a scientist-practitioner model of training in which the development of research skills, coursework and clinical practica are integrated into a coherent program of study. Research requirements include completing a master's-level research project, a post-master's research project or examination and a doctoral dissertation. Students learn with and from one another as they participate in research teams and clinical skills teams where they will integrate research and practice



BGSU is home to the National Center for Family and Marriage Research which has been leading the nation in research on U.S. families since 2007.



BGSU's Industrial and Organizational Psychology program is ranked third in the country by U.S. News Report.



FACULTY SUCCESS



Dr. Scott Highhouse launched the first open-access, peer-reviewed journal for industrial organizational (IO) psychology professionals in December 2015. Widely published himself and having held editorial roles with a variety of psychology journals, Highhouse recognized the need for a new journal.

"The introduction of "Personnel Assessment and Decisions" (PAD) is based on the belief that publishing empirical research in industrial-organizational psychology must become quicker and leaner," Highhouse said in the journal's opening editorial.

A member of the International Personnel Assessment Council board of directors, Highhouse knew that IPAC was looking to sponsor a new journal with funds donated by a long-term member. Around the same time, BG University Libraries instituted ScholarWorks@BGSU—an open access repository for digital, scholarly works created by faculty and students at the university—and was looking to begin hosting journals. PAD was the third to launch and the first to be peer-reviewed.

The animated real-time downloads featured on ScholarWorks@BGSU shows how many readers, from what cities around the world, have accessed which of the seven articles in this issue. Within a day of its launch, "Personnel Assessment and Decisions" had more than 65 article downloads, and has averaged about 150 downloads per week since then.

Since the 1960s, BGSU has been known for its strong IO psychology program. The introduction of "Personnel Assessment and Decisions" reinforces that reputation and gives the University even greater visibility among industrial-organizational psychology professionals.

