

PSYCHOLOGY B.A. (PROFESSIONAL STUDIES)

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Apply principles of cognitive, behavioral, biological, socio-cultural, and spiritual perspectives on human nature to practical issues such as personal, social and/or organizational issues.
2. Apply core principles of empirical research, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation, to critically evaluate scholarly research.
3. Practice professional ethics (as defined by American Psychological Association), cultural competency, and citizenship with the focus on core principles of beneficence, responsibility, integrity, justice, and respect.
4. Develop oral and written products that demonstrate information literacy skills in established scientific format (APA).
5. Apply psychological knowledge, skills and values to various careers and/or postgraduate study.
6. Integrate Christian worldview with knowledge of psychology.

Requirements

NOTE: The academic program requirements listed below for this accelerated program are based the student transferring in previous coursework and/or has already received an Associates Degree in Psychology. Questions, contact the Chair for this academic program.

Code	Title	Units
	General Educational Core Requirements (https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/general-education/) ¹	34
	Major Core Requirements	51
	Electives	35
	Total Units	120

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General education requirements not included in major requirements below.

Major Core Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Lower Division Requirements		
PSYC-103	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYD-214	Researched Writing/Psyc Majors	3
PSYD-221	Developmental Psychology	3
PSYD-265	Intro to Statistical Methods	3
Upper Division Requirements		
PSYD-340	Biological Psychology	3
PSYD-368	Survey of Human Services	3
PSYD-373	Psychology of the Family	3
PSYD-375	Understanding Research Design	3

PSYD-420	Behavior Modification	3
PSYD-432	Social/Cultural Psychology	3
PSYD-434	Group Dynamics	3
PSYD-436	Psychological Disorders	3
PSYD-449	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYD-460	Field Practicum	3
PSYD-462	Counseling Theories	3
PSYD-477	Psychology and Christianity	3
	One additional upper division psychology elective	3
	Total Units	51

Multi Year Plan

Disclaimer: This *sample* Multi-Year Plan is provided as a guide for the recommended sequencing of courses. Vanguard University requires that students complete a minimum of 120 units of required course work as outlined on the Requirements tab in order to receive a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. It is the student's responsibility to confirm with the department the course rotation before enrolling in courses. If applicable, please note the footnotes at the bottom of the page for additional information related to courses listed in a particular year and term. Questions, contact the Department of Psychology or School for Professional Studies.

Course	Title	Units
Year 1 Term 1		
CORE-110	Vanguard Foundations of College Writing I	3
ENGL-115	Foundations for College Writing II	3
ENGL-220	Researched Writing	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
	Units	12
Year 1 Term 2		
ENGL-230	Literary Perspectives	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
REML-PLHD	SPS Theology Requirement	3
	Units	9
Year 1 Term 3		
MATH-PLMASCI	PS Math/Science Core Requirement	3
HUMA-PLPSCR	PS Humanities Core Req	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
	Units	9
Year 2 Term 1		
SOCS-PLPSCR	PS Social Science Core Requirement	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
MATH-PLMASCI	PS Math/Science Core Requirement	3
	Units	9
Year 2 Term 2		
HUMA-PLPSCR	PS Humanities Core Req	3
SOCS-PLPSCR	PS Social Science Core Requirement	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
	Units	9



Year 2 Term 3

HUMA-PLPSCR	PS Humanities Core Req	3
SOCS-PLPSCR	PS Social Science Core Requirement	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
Units		9

Year 3 Term 1

ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
Units		3

Year 3 Term 2

PSYD-368	Survey of Human Services	3
PSYD-372	Adulthood and Aging	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
Units		9

Year 3 Term 3

PSYD-265	Intro to Statistical Methods	3
PSYD-432	Social/Cultural Psychology	3
PSYD-373	Psychology of the Family	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
Units		12

Year 4 Term 1

PSYD-434	Group Dynamics	3
PSYD-375	Understanding Research Design	3
PSYD-436	Psychological Disorders	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
Units		12

Year 4 Term 2

PSYD-340	Biological Psychology	3
PSYD-449	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYD-462	Counseling Theories	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
Units		12

Year 4 Term 3

PSYD-477	Psychology and Christianity	3
PSYD-460	Field Practicum	3
PSYD-420	Behavior Modification	3
Units		9

Total Units		114
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