



University of Illinois Springfield PSYCHOLOGY

Program Description



The scientific study of the human mind and human behavior is a complex task, reflected by the fact that the American Psychological Association has more than 50 divisions, each representing an area of expertise.

Psychology majors choose their own area of interest and apply their specialized knowledge to a wide range of endeavors including research, mental health care, teaching, business, and government. What they share is a foundation of psychological understanding and the desire to work in a profession that many believe will ultimately have the greatest impact on the future of humankind.

Admission Requirements

The online Psychology B.A. program has a separate admission process. Admission to the online program is competitive. The number of students admitted each term is limited by enrollment capacity. Applicants are evaluated in the fall and spring semesters. The admission criteria include:

- a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (on 4.0 scale), and
- a minimum of 30 semester hours of undergraduate coursework.

To apply, applicants are also required to present a rationale for pursuit of the online degree format as well as discuss their access to the Internet and their possession of relevant technological/computer skills.

Preference for admission will be given to applicants who:

- Effectively demonstrate they are unable to attend on-ground classes because of distance, work or care giving issues, or other circumstances that are incompatible with regularly scheduled on-ground class offerings.
- Have either completed at least 60 hours of undergraduate coursework or earned an Associate of Arts degree.
- Have completed the following courses at the time of application: Introductory Psychology, English Composition I & II, Mathematics general education.

Review for entry to the UIS online B.A. is a two-part process:

- Applications are first evaluated by the UIS Admissions Office for fulfillment of University requirements.
- The application file is then sent to the online Psychology B.A. program for online degree admission consideration.

Degree Requirements

Core Psychology Requirements

- PSY 301 Orientation and Entrance Assessment
- PSY 302 Research Methods in Psychology
- PSY 471 Senior Seminar

Relevant Psychology Electives:

- 28 credit hours - Any 300 or 400 level psychology course at UIS can be used toward this requirement.

University Requirements:

- 10 credit hours - Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE) and Speaker Series courses.

Additional Upper Level Coursework:

- Students need to complete at least 48 hours of upper-division credit in order to graduate with a B.A. in Psychology.

Official degree requirements are available in the UIS catalog at www.uis.edu/uiscatalog

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