

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
PSYCHOLOGY
(PSYC)**

Frequently Asked Questions



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Most Common Questions & Answers

Is the PSYC program a recognized, accredited baccalaureate degree?

Yes! Your diploma from Sacramento State would state: California State University, Sacramento, College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelors of Science in Psychology.

What is the cost of the PSYC major courses?*

2025/2026 Fee Schedule

Cost Per Unit	\$489*
Total Program Cost (50 units)	\$24,450

Current fees:

PSYC Program Application fee	\$50
CSU Apply Application fee	\$70
Writing Placement for Juniors (WPJ) fee	\$20
Sacramento State Graduation fee	\$149

* Tuition and application fees listed are current approved amounts for the College of Continuing Education (CCE) and Sac State, and are subject to change by California State University, Sacramento as necessary or appropriate. CCE will send correspondence should tuition fees change or increase.

Is financial aid available?

Financial aid is available based on individual student need. Applicants should complete the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and include Sacramento State (Federal School Code #001150) to ensure the Financial Aid Department has access to the FAFSA information. Prospective students should complete the FAFSA in a timely manner if they plan to use financial aid to pay for tuition fees as it can take up to 16 weeks to process federal loans and grant awards.

What are the admissions requirements for admittance to the PSYC program?

- You must have a High School Diploma (or equivalent).
- 2.5 GPA or higher in previous college coursework.
- At least 60 units of college level General Education.
- Completion of the Golden Four with a "C-" or better. The Golden Four includes the following:
 - › A1 Oral Communication
 - › A2 Written Communication
 - › A3 Critical Thinking
 - › B4 Quantitative Reasoning (Math)
- Completion of the following equivalencies with a "C-" or better:
 - › PSYC 2 Introductory Psychology
 - › PSYC 8 Research Methods in Psychology
 - › PSYC 9 Introductory Statistics for Psychology

How many units are required for the degree and what is the breakdown?

PSYC Major	Upper Division 30-34
General Education	Upper Division 17-18
Transfer Units	Lower Division 60-70
Minimum Units to Graduate 120	

How many of the required units must be taken "in residence" at Sacramento State?

All CSU campuses require:

- 30 units in residence, of which at least 12 units must be taken in the major.
- 9 units in upper division general education. The PSYC degree exceeds these requirements.



Can I complete lower division general education requirements at a local community college?

Yes, we encourage students to complete lower division general education requirements at the local community college and our program advisors will work with you to develop a plan.

Is the foreign language competency required?

Yes, this is a Sacramento State graduation requirement. The foreign language requirement can be satisfied one of the following ways:

- Completing 3 years (same language) of foreign language in High School
- Completing level 2 of foreign language or American Sign Language with a C- or better at the community college or university level
- Taking the foreign language proficiency exam if fluent in another language.

Are PSYC graduates eligible to enroll in a Master's Degree Program?

Yes, PSYC graduates can pursue a Master's degree in Psychology, Applied Behavior Analysis, Industrial Organizational Psychology, or other equivalent certificate, certification, and training programs, provided they meet admission criteria.

What can I do with a degree in PSYC?

Most students continue specialization training or careers that require a deeper understanding of the human thought-process, emotions, feelings, and behaviors. Careers in psychology include psychologist, psychotherapist, social work, counseling, and educational psychologist.

Can I work full time and complete the PSYC degree?

Yes, in fact CCE designed the program for working students. All classes are asynchronous and students have the ability to take between 6-18 units each semester. This reasonable course load and modality allows students to work or take classes at a community college while enrolled in the PSYC program.

How long will it take to graduate?

Most students graduate within 2 years (4-6 semesters); however, time to graduation depends on the number of courses a student is able to take in a given semester. For example, students who start Spring 2025 could graduate Spring 2026 at the earliest.

This is a fully online program. Will I be required to come to Sacramento State in-person at any time during my enrollment?

No. This program is fully online and does not require students to come to Sacramento State in-person at any time. For the most part, one of the only times students come to Sacramento is upon graduation for the commencement ceremony.

How often does the PSYC program admit new students?

The PSYC program admits new students every fall and spring semester.

How do I enroll in the PSYC program?

If you are interested in the program, the first step is to submit a supplemental application (found on our website), and unofficial transcripts. If you have any questions on how to do so please contact Michelle Steen at m.steen@csus.edu. No fees are required at this time. Those interested must meet the admissions eligibility requirements per an unofficial transcript evaluation before completing the CSU Apply Application.

Thank you for your interest in the Online B.S. in Psychology Degree Completion Program.
If you need further information, please email m.steen@csus.edu.