

THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Advising Information

Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to confirm that their plan of study is accurate and complete. If necessary, changes and updates should be made in order to ensure that program requirements can be completed in a timely manner. Faculty advisors work with students to explore appropriate internships, cooperative education placements, and/or experiential learning opportunities that will enhance the student's academic program. In addition, advisors provide assistance in selecting elective courses that support the student's interests, career plans and plan of study.

Academic advising services for all freshmen Liberal Arts and Social Sciences majors are provided through the Advising Center on McMullen Hall first floor west. Upon declaring a specific major, Liberal Arts and Social Science majors will be assigned to a faculty advisor in their department for upper-division advising. Although advisors are available to assist students in designing their Plans of Study, students are ultimately responsible for meeting degree requirements.

Students interested in applied psychology, developing knowledge in human relations, psychological disorders, psychological testing and clinical psychology are encouraged to develop their skills in an internship in a human service agency.

A Bachelor's degree in Psychology can serve as a general Liberal Arts degree, as preparation for a career in Psychology, or as preparation for graduate school in Psychology or related fields.

As a general Liberal Arts degree, Psychology majors develop excellent interpersonal, research, writing, and analytical skills and are attractive to a wide variety of employers. Students may wish to take appropriate courses in other areas to enhance their skills and marketability. To prepare for a career in Psychology with a Bachelor's degree, students are encouraged to consult with faculty to take appropriate courses and to pursue internships in the Billings community.

Students intending to pursue graduate education should obtain a broad background in Psychology and maintain a high GPA. All Psychology majors, but particularly those considering graduate school, are encouraged to work closely with at least one faculty member in research, and to keep in mind that letters of recommendation are required for graduate school applications and most other types of employment.

- Psychology Bachelor of Arts Degree *Program placed on moratorium* (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-psychology/ba-psychology/>)
- Psychology Bachelor of Science Degree (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-psychology/bs-psychology/>)
- Psychology Bachelor of Science/Psychology Master of Science Accelerated Option (3+2) (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-psychology/bs-psychology-ms-psychology-3-2-option/>)
- Psychology Minor (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-psychology/minor-psychology/>)