

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (58 UNITS) *Grades of "C" or better required. Courses may not need to be completed in order listed.*
FALL WINTER SPRING

Units in Psychology major

PSYC 104 General Psychology (4) <i>Prerequisite: Completed or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 111 or 124</i>	_____	_____	_____
PSYC 104L General Psychology Laboratory (1) <i>Prerequisite: Completed or concurrent enrollment in PSYC 104</i>	_____	_____	_____
PSYC 219 Psychology Colloquium (0.5 units to be enrolled for each year of residency up to 2 units total)	_____	_____	_____
PSYC 319 Career Colloquium (1) <i>Prerequisite: PSYC 104</i>	_____	_____	_____
PSYC 321 Methods & Statistics I: Description & Correlation (4) and PSYC 321L Laboratory (1)	_____	_____	_____
PSYC 322 Methods & Statistics II: Experiment & Inference (4) and PSYC 322L Laboratory (1)	_____	_____	_____
PSYC 323 Methods & Statistics III: Conducting Research (4) and PSYC 323L Laboratory (1)	_____	_____	_____
PSYC 488 Seminar in Psychology (4)	_____	_____	_____
NEUR 261 Introduction to Neuroscience (4) and NEUR 261L Introduction to Neuroscience Laboratory (1)	_____	_____	_____
Elective 18-20 units in Psychology or Neuroscience to be selected in consultation with an advisor	_____	_____	_____
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Units in Cognate area

BIOL 111 General Biology I (4)	_____	_____	_____
BIOL 111 General Biology Laboratory (1)	_____	_____	_____
BIOL 111A General Biology Seminar (0)	_____	_____	_____
UNST 404M Senior Seminar: Religion, Values & Social Responsibility (4)	_____	_____	_____

UNIVERSITY STUDIES FOUNDATIONAL STUDIES (19 - 28 UNITS) *Grades of "C" or better required.*

I FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR	UNST 101A (1) and 101B (1) <i>or</i> UNST 100A (3) and 100B (3)	_____	_____	_____
II RHETORICAL SKILLS	A. ENGL 111 (3), 112 (3), 113 (3) College Writing <i>or</i> ENGL 124 Freshman Seminar (4) B. PSYC 323 Methods & Statistics III: Conducting Research (4)	_____	_____	_____
III MATHEMATICS	MATH 155 Introductory Statistics <i>preferred or</i> MATH 115, 121, or CPTG 117 (4)	_____	_____	_____
IV WORLD LANGUAGES	Level 3 proficiency (e.g. 153) in one non-English language (4-12)	_____	_____	_____
V HEALTH AND FITNESS	HLSC 120 Lifetime Fitness with laboratory (2)	_____	_____	_____

UNIVERSITY STUDIES GENERAL STUDIES (52 UNITS, 20 UPPER DIVISION) *Grades of "D" or better required, unless courses are required by major.*

THEME IA	Understanding Human Beings <i>or</i> IB Humans as Thoughtful Global Citizens	_____	_____	_____
IC	Globalization, Identity & Citizenship (SSCI 104 / 105 / 106 / 107) <i>Prerequisite: ENGL 113/124</i>	_____	_____	_____
THEME IIA	History & Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts	_____	_____	_____
IIB	Historical or Contemporary Culture and Context	_____	_____	_____
IIC	Exploring Culture (HUMN 204 / 205 / 206) <i>Prerequisite: ENGL 111/124</i>	_____	_____	_____
THEME III	Any Theme III course (Theme III A, B, C, or D)	_____	_____	_____
IIIB	Required Beliefs course (RELT 104 / 106 / 245 <i>or</i> RLGN 304)	_____	_____	_____
IIIC	Scripture	_____	_____	_____
RLGN	RLGN 304 Adventism in Global Perspective / RLGN 305 Religion in Three Cultures (4) <i>Prerequisite: ENGL 113/124, Junior</i>	_____	_____	_____
THEME IVA	Life Science (4) <i>Either Life Science or Physical Science must include laboratory</i>	_____	_____	_____
IVB	Physical Science (4)	_____	_____	_____
IVC	Scientific Foundations (NSCI 404 / 405 / 406 / 407) (4)	_____	_____	_____
THEME V	UNST 404M Senior Seminar: Religion, Values, and Social Responsibility (4)	_____	_____	_____

UNIVERSITY STUDIES SERVICE-LEARNING (3 courses)

*A maximum of 4 units from major and 8 units of major cognates can be applied to General Studies. For more information, consult 2013-2014 Undergraduate Academic Bulletin, p. 71.
 NOTE: Should a student's general education and major degree program not meet the minimum 190 units required for graduation, the student must complete elective units to make up the deficiency.

PSYCHOLOGY

Bachelor of Arts

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology provides a rigorous foundation based in both the science and application of psychology. Students earning a bachelor's degree in Psychology from La Sierra University will be trained to think like psychologists, demonstrating the empirical habits, mastery of knowledge, and practical research skills that will make them competitive applicants for top graduate programs and jobs requiring strong analytical, information literacy, and communication skills.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS: The Bachelor's of Arts degree in Psychology is a broad program and represents a variety of interests. The requirements are organized around a core set of courses with additional breadth and depth courses from which the students may select based on their interests. A major in Psychology may prepare the student for a career in psychology, marriage and family therapy, teaching, special education, medicine, dentistry, social work, psychiatric, speech therapy, ministry, personnel administration, or residence hall deanship. While most of these career areas require advanced study at the graduate level, bachelor degree graduates may also qualify for entry-level positions in some of these fields.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: A bachelor's degree in Psychology is appropriate for careers in business administration, sales, or education. It is also appropriate for careers as a psychiatric aid or technician. Most clinical, counseling, and research psychologists need a doctoral degree. School psychologists need an advanced degree and certification or licensure to work. The advanced degree is most commonly the specialist degree, a doctoral degree in school psychology, or, in some instances, a master's degree.

JOB OUTLOOK: Although employment as psychiatric technicians and aids are projected to grow only 4 and 6 percent, respectively, because the nation's population ages and people live longer, demand for psychiatric technicians and aides in residential facilities are expected to rise. In addition, the aging prison population has increased the need for psychiatric technicians and aides in correctional facilities.

Overall employment of psychologists is projected to grow 12 percent from 2012 to 2022. Employment of mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists is projected to grow 29 percent. For clinical, counseling, and school psychologists, growth is projected at 11 percent. Employment of industrial-organizational psychologists is projected to grow 53 percent.

SALARY: In May 2012, the median annual wage for psychiatric technicians was \$30,050. For psychologists, the median annual wage for psychologists was \$69,280. Industrial-organizational psychologists reached a median annual wage of \$83,580 while \$67,650 was the median annual wage for clinical, counseling, and school psychologists.

Career information adapted from
U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2014). *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. Retrieved from <http://www.bls.gov/ooh>.

Academic program information adapted from
La Sierra University. (2013). *2013-2014 Undergraduate Academic Bulletin*. Retrieved from <http://www.lasierra.edu/bulletin>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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