

Career Paths that Begin with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

A B.A. in Psychology can prepare you for a wide range of career paths in a variety of sectors. Here are just a few examples:

<p><u>Social Services</u> caseworker, mental health counselor, social worker</p>	<p><u>Human Resources</u> recruiter, training and development specialist, HR manager</p>
<p><u>Education</u> teacher, early educator, professor, lecturer, school counselor, school psychologist</p>	<p><u>Healthcare</u> psychiatric technician, mental health technician, psychiatrist, physician, clinical psychologist</p>
<p><u>Law</u> probation officer, forensic psychologist, victim advocate, expert witness, lawyer</p>	<p><u>Research</u> research assistant, lab manager, Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) coordinator, user experience (UX) researcher, think-tank researcher, public policy analyst, data scientist, fact-checker</p>
<p><u>Marketing and Advertising</u> market researcher, consumer behavior specialist</p>	

For more information on sub-fields of Psychology and potential career paths, please explore the American Psychological Association website: www.apa.org.

For more information and guidance on developing a career path, please visit Lehman College's Career Exploration & Development Center (CEDC) at <https://lehman.edu/career-services/index.php>

Want more information about Psychology? CONTACT US!

Snap a pic of our QR code to visit our website or go to: <https://www.lehman.cuny.edu/academics/psychology/>



Psi Chi & The Psychology Club

Both the Psychology Club and Psi Chi (the International Honor Society in Psychology) provide opportunities for students to learn about Psychology and its varied sub-fields, to meet others with this interest, and to participate in events chosen by the members (e.g., alumni and faculty Q & A panels, stress-management socials, volunteer activities in the Bronx, attending the Eastern Psychology Association conference). While the Psychology Club is open to everyone, students interested in Psi Chi must be Psychology majors/minors and meet a variety of academic (e.g., GPA) requirements. Involvement in the Psychology Club and/or Psi Chi looks great on a student's resume! Please contact Dr. Sandra Campeanu at Sandra.Campeanu@lehman.cuny.edu for more information about The Psychology Club and Psi Chi.

Answer to the Question on the Front Page



Actually, the lines are the same length, although many people perceive line B to be longer. For many years, psychologists assumed that this tendency to perceive line B as longer was universal. However, research conducted in the 1960s revealed that people raised in non-Western cultures (people raised outside of English-speaking countries and Western Europe) were less likely to perceive any difference in the length of the lines, possibly because people in many non-Western cultures use more sophisticated methods of thinking about how objects are arranged relative to one another in space.



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What do you see in this image?

Psychology applies scientific methods to understand how people think, feel, and behave. As a Psychology major, you will learn not only what we know about people, but also how we came to know it. For example, you may learn that psychologists use ambiguous images like the one above to understand how people's feeling influence what they see in the world around them (two people holding hands or a frightening face).

You may also learn that psychologists have studied how people perceive objects in space by presenting images like those below and asking people to compare them. Which line do you think is longer –A or B? Turn to the back of the brochure to see the answer.



The B.A. in Psychology is a great first step in preparing for any career focused on people, including fields such as social services, education, healthcare, law, marketing, and more. Open our brochure to learn more!

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

REQUIREMENTS

Psychology majors are required to complete 35 credits of Psychology coursework (18 of which must be completed at Lehman College to fulfill residency requirements).

Our program is designed to provide students with a set of core required courses (14 credits) and courses that cover foundational topics in psychology (12 credits), but also to allow students the flexibility to learn and specialize through elective coursework (9 credits).

Courses are taught by instructors with diverse interests and training in different fields within and outside of Psychology.

Required Courses	
	PSY 166- General Psychology *Must be completed before taking any other Psychology courses
	PSY 226- Statistical Methods in Psych *Pre-req: MAT132, 172, 174, or 175
	PSY 305- Experimental Psychology *Pre-req: PSY 226 must be completed before taking PSY 305
	PSY 348- History of Psychology *It is suggested that students take this in their senior year

DISTRIBUTION BLOCKS

Students must complete TWO courses [6 credits] within each of TWO Distribution Blocks.

The two courses MUST be drawn from different Distribution Lines, for a total of 6 credits per block and 12 credits in total.

Block 1 [6 credits]		Line A PSY 217- Child <u>OR</u> PSY 218- Adolescence <u>OR</u> PSY 219- Adulthood
		Line B PSY 234- Abnormal <u>OR</u> PSY 255- Personality
		Line C PSY 240- Industrial/Organizational <u>OR</u> PSY 260- Social
Block 2 [6 Credits]		Line A PSY 245- Testing <u>OR</u> PSY 310- Learning
		Line B PSY 314- Cognitive <u>OR</u> PSY 317- Sensation & Perception
		Line C PSY 316- Physiological <u>OR</u> PSY 366- Clinical Neuropsychology

ELECTIVES

Students must complete at least THREE additional Psychology courses at the 200, 300, or 400-level. These may include courses from the Distribution Blocks that are NOT already being counted toward the distributional requirements for the major.

Here are some EXAMPLES of elective courses.
SEE THE FULL LIST ON OUR WEBSITE

<https://lehman-undergraduate.catalog.cuny.edu/departments/PSYCH-LEH/course>

Electives [choose 3, 9 credits]		PSY 200 – Critical Thinking in Psychology
		PSY 209 – Psychology of Women
		PSY 232 – Childhood Psychopathology
		PSY 238 – Environmental Psychology
		PSY 308 – Motivation and Emotion
		PSY 317 – Sensation and Perception
		PSY 328 – Family Psychology
		PSY 331 – Psychology and the Law
		PSY 335 – Health Psychology
		PSY 336 – Psychology of Ethnicity
	PSY 338 – Community Psychology	
	PSY 340 – Evolutionary Psychology	
	PSY 342 – Psych of Literacy Development	

OPTIONAL RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AND HONORS RESEARCH IN PSYCHOLOGY

Are you interested in tackling important questions about how people think, feel, and behave? Gaining practical skills relevant to a range of careers? Developing a relationship with a faculty mentor and securing a letter of recommendation to graduate school?

If yes, you should consider getting involved as a research assistant in the Department. There are a variety of research opportunities available, including volunteer or paid work, and/or course credit for independent study (PSY 485) and honors research (PSY 495) projects. Speak to a faculty member to learn more about these opportunities and to see if you meet the requirements.

Our faculty are leading studies on a range of topics, such as **stigma toward the unhoused, stress and romantic relationships, and the effects of poverty on child development.**

As a research assistant, you might learn to:

- Conduct literature reviews.
- Recruit study participants.
- Implement study procedures to collect data.
- Code and analyze data.
- Present research results at conferences.
- Write papers for publication in journals.
- Participate in professional development activities and more.

Students wishing to earn Departmental Honors in Psychology must meet the following requirements:

- 3.2 College GPA
- 3.5 Psychology Major GPA
- Complete PSY 485- Independent Study in Psychology
- Complete PSY 495- Honors Research in Psychology
- 38 Credits in the Major

For course descriptions please visit the links below.

Independent Study in Psychology:

<https://lehman-undergraduate.catalog.cuny.edu/courses/1048871>

Honors Research in Psychology:

<https://lehman-undergraduate.catalog.cuny.edu/courses/1048901>