

BA Psychology

Arts and Science ONLINE

What animal is the smartest? What persuasion techniques work best? How is your gender identity formed? These questions and more are explored through the study of development, cognition, motivation and social behaviour in this online general BA. You will test theories, evaluate scientific evidence and apply this knowledge to everyday life. In the process you will develop effective communication, collaborative, and technical skills that are essential in today's workplace.

PROGRAM PLAN

The Bachelor of Psychology program plan consists of 90.0 units. 60.0 of these units are electives which can be taken from any subject, at any level and in any order, as long you have (or obtain) the prerequisites for any 200 or 300-level courses. The other 30.0 units must be taken as described below.

CORE COURSES (6.0 UNITS)

- PSYC 100 (6.0 units): Principles of Psychology

OPTION COURSES (24.0 UNITS)

Complete 24.00 units from the following:

- PSYC 221 (3.0 units): Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 236 (3.0 units): Introduction to Clinical Psychology
- PSYC 331 (3.0 units): Introduction to Personality
- PSYC 241 (3.0 units): Social Psychology
- PSYC 251 (3.0 units): Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 271 (3.0 units): Brain and Behaviour I
- PSYC 305 (3.0 units): Introduction to Comparative Cognition
- PSYC 333 (3.0 units): Human Sexuality
- PSYC 370 (3.0 units): Brain and Behaviour II
- PSYC 397 (3.0 units): History of Modern Psychology
- STAM 200 (STAT_Option) (3.0 units): Introduction to Statistics

ELECTIVES (60.0 UNITS)

60.0 additional units selected from all [course offerings](#).

ARTS AND SCIENCE ONLINE STUDENT PROFILE

57% of students
WORK FULL

15% of students
WORK PART TIME

37% are
**PARENTS/
GUARDIANS**

10% of students are
**SELF
EMPLOYED**

Click [here](#) to get more information about online students.



"During my tenure at Queen's, I engaged with remarkably perceptive and devoted professors and peers. This journey not only directed me towards significant professional milestones but personal growth as well. With my Psychology BA, I obtained diverse internships and my ongoing role, where I assist a clinical psychologist in supporting neurodiverse children. Queen's esteemed standing eased my entrance into my upcoming master's program, bridging the gap to my career ambitions."

- Adhmina Menhji, BA Psychology 2023



Psychology ONLINE BACHELOR OF ARTS MAP



EARLY STAGES

LATER STAGES

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

- Initially you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Psychology along with some electives.
- Then, start going deeper into the discipline of Psychology, and consider adding a certificate such as Employment Relations.
- Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit [SASS \(Student Academic Support Services\)](#) and the Writing Centre websites for help.

- Start grouping courses in areas of interest, or keep it more general and explore many areas of Psychology.
- Book an online appointment with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for the final stages of your degree.

BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Investigate requirements for future full-time jobs or other career related opportunities. Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering or clubs.
- Start collecting stories and evidence of your experiences to use in future resumes, cover letters, interviews, and portfolios.

- Consider contributing to publications such as [Ultraviolet Magazine](#) or the [Queen's Journal](#).
- Volunteer to be an [Arts and Science Online \(ASO\) Peer mentor](#).

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Global Development Studies.
- Reach out to the ASO Student Engagement Lead to get connected with peer mentors.
- Follow [Arts and Science Online on Facebook](#) to connect with us.

- Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connects.
- Check out [Career Services](#) networking workshops.
- Look for volunteer opportunities in your community such as the 211 Ontario or Charity Village that can polish your skills.

ENGAGE WITH DIVERSITY

- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking a [QUIC's Intercultural Awareness Certificate](#), and research possible immigration regulations.
- Consider a study abroad experience at [Bader College in England](#).

- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.
- Explore workshops from the [Human Rights and Equity Office](#) on a wide range of topics in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Get some help with exploring career options from Career Services. A career coach can help you think through possibilities, take stock of your experience, and figure out next steps to move in the direction of your career goals.
- Explore different careers of interest by through [Career Cruising](#) or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Post-Degree Studies from Career Services.
- Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Seek support from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Professional Masters program and post diploma program at the college level applications, or other decisions.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP:

Is a career change or further education in your future? Use the 5 categories of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics.

The map offers suggestions to make your own plan specific to your needs and life context. You can consider your existing experiences and career goals, and start mapping out the steps you need to get there.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

A degree in Psychology can equip you with the skills to:

- Think critically and systematically
- Generate ideas about complex subjects
- Use methods of analysis and logical reasoning
- Form and defend positions
- Consider unfamiliar ideas and evaluate opposing arguments
- Identify underlying assumptions across a range of issues
- Summarize and communicate complex material
- Speak and write at a superior level
- Interpret historical and contemporary ideas and texts
- Transferable skills that can be gained through an interdisciplinary approach to intellectual inquiry, argument and analysis.

WHAT ABOUT GRADUATE SCHOOL AND FURTHER EDUCATION?

When investigating requirements for careers of interest, be sure to take note of educational requirements – particularly if they require further education beyond a bachelor's degree. While there are many programs open to 3-year degree graduates, some may require a 4-year degree, the equivalent of a 4-year degree, or a combination of education and experience.

For graduate school programs requiring a 4-year degree, you might want to consider:

- Getting additional work experience before applying to further education to apply later as a mature student.
- Extending your 3-year degree by adding a certificate or additional courses to be equivalent to a 4-year degree.
- Taking additional colleges courses or a 1-year diploma at a college to make up the equivalent of a 4-year degree.
- Exploring if it is possible to take required courses at the future institution during a year as a qualifying student before beginning graduate education.
- Looking for programs that are more flexible in their requirements – in particular: private institutions, college post-grad diplomas, and overseas programs such as in Europe where a 3-year undergrad degree is more common.
- Learning from your classmates about what programs they are applying to with their 3-year online degrees.
- Read the article [Post-Graduate Options for General \(90.0 unit\) Bachelor's Degrees](#).

WHERE CAN I GO?

A degree in Psychology can take your career in many directions. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Advertising
- Basic and applied research
- Business administration and management
- Child and youth care
- Community development
- Conflict resolution and mediation
- Consumer behaviour
- Corrections
- Career counseling
- Health care administration
- Human resources
- Marketing
- Media – electronic & print
- Occupational health and safety
- Program evaluation
- Residential care
- Teaching

Some careers may require additional training or experience.

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Reasons to Pursue an Online Degree

- 1 There is no differentiation between Queen's online and on-campus programs when it comes to accreditation.
- 2 You can choose your courses based on your own work-life balance.
- 3 The assignments will have fixed deadlines but when you choose to work on them is up to you.
- 4 Some online activities may take place virtually, these sessions may be recorded so that you can view them at your convenience.
- 5 ASO is invested in educational transformation and evidence-based practices that provide all our students with the best possible learning experiences.



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Application FAQs

How does ONLINE LEARNING work?

Find out how online learning works [here](#).

When can I APPLY?

Learn more about key dates for admission applications [here](#).

What do I need to know to APPLY?

Queen's Arts and Science Online has several admission categories for students with diverse educational backgrounds. Choose the right one for you [here](#).

Am I eligible for TRANSFER CREDITS?

Find out more details about credit transfers [here](#).

TUITION Fees?

For information about fees and tuition, please check the [Registrar and Financial Aid Services](#).

Add a **CERTIFICATE**

ACADEMIC WRITING

Students will be given the opportunity to enhance and accredit their writing skills, enabling them to communicate effectively and prepare for future writing tasks in both academic and professional contexts.

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

Students will be introduced to the theory, policy and legal frameworks behind the employment relationship, and how these can be applied to assess workplace challenges and problems.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION & CREATIVITY

Students will have the opportunity to study and practice skills in marketing and promotion as well as finance and business planning.

FRENCH FOR PROFESSIONALS

Students will obtain the necessary language skills to effectively work in a bilingual professional environment.

GLOBAL ACTION & ENGAGEMENT

Students will explore concepts related to the political, economic, social and cultural forces that shape contemporary global interactions.

MEDIA STUDIES

Students will have the opportunity to develop and accredit their fluency in the foundations of media and cultural studies.

Learn more on our certificates on our [program site](#).