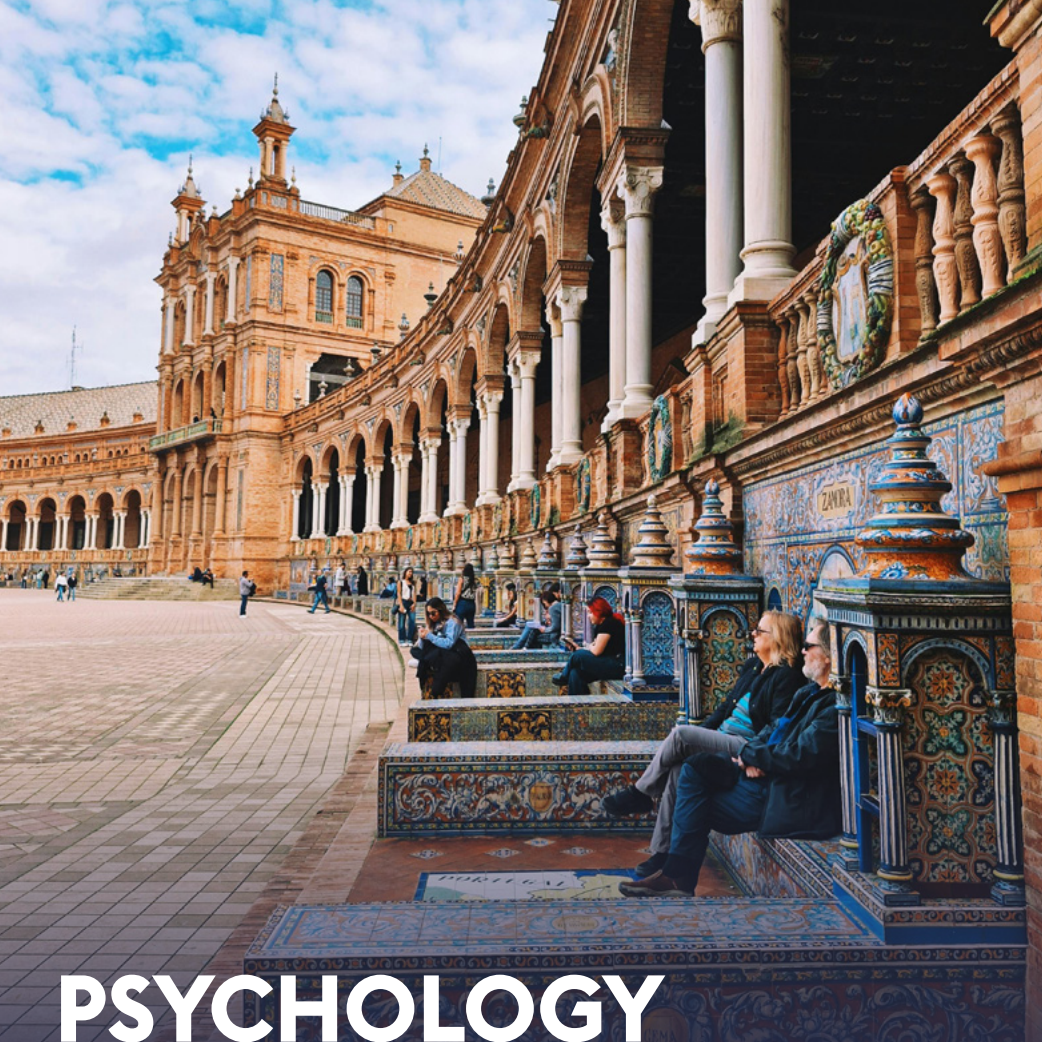


PSYCHOLOGY

Explore how humans think, feel, and behave through the lens of science and culture. Psychology at Franklin invites you to investigate the mind in context, understanding how biology, environment, and experience shape who we are as individuals and societies.

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MAJOR OVERVIEW

Psychology is the science of human emotion, thought, and behavior. At Franklin, you will examine neural, physiological, and cognitive processes; developmental influences and individual differences; and the interpersonal, international, and cross-cultural dimensions that define human experience. You will gain a strong foundation in theory, research design, and statistics, preparing you for graduate study or careers that apply psychological insight to real-world challenges.

YOUR DEGREE

A 120-CREDIT DEGREE DESIGNED AROUND YOUR INTERESTS

To earn a Bachelor's degree at Franklin, students must complete 120 credits across university-wide core requirements, major requirements, and elective courses. The curriculum combines a shared liberal arts foundation with specialized study in your chosen major, giving you both breadth and depth throughout your undergraduate experience.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

Courses and academic experiences shared by all Franklin students, designed to build essential skills and knowledge across disciplines.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Courses specific to your chosen major, including foundational, required, and elective courses within the discipline

INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES

Courses selected from across Franklin's curriculum to explore additional interests and complement your major.

Shared by all Franklin students

66 CREDITS

CORE REQUIREMENTS	WHAT IT DEVELOPS
First-Year Seminar, 3 credits	Introduces students to Franklin's liberal arts approach and develops critical thinking, academic research, and communication skills.
Academic Travel, 12 credits	Connects classroom learning with experiential study across different cultural and geographic contexts.
Academic Writing, 12 credits	Develops written and oral communication skills for academic and professional contexts.
Global Responsibility, 18 credits	Examines intercultural competencies, international engagement, and social responsibility.
Modern Language, 15 credits	Builds language skills and cultural literacy, with a focus on Swiss languages.
Quantitative Literacy, 6 credits	Develops the ability to interpret, analyze, and communicate numerical information and data.

Please note: in some cases, courses may fulfill both a Core Requirement and a Major Requirement.

PSYCHOLOGY REQUIREMENTS — 53 CREDITS

FOUNDATION COURSES — 14 credits

BIO 101	Introduction to Biology: Genetics, Evolution, and Ecology
BIO 101L	Laboratory to Introduction to Biology: Genetics, Evolution, and Ecology
BIO 102	Introduction to Biology: Cell and Animal Biology
BIO 102L	Laboratory to Introduction to Biology: Cell and Animal Biology
MAT 182	Introduction to Statistics
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology

MAJOR ELECTIVES — 18 credits

PSY 201	Social Psychology
PSY 202	Developmental Psychology
PSY 203	Theories of Personality
PSY 210	Cognitive Psychology
PSY 215	Research Methods in the Social Sciences
PSY 314	Clinical and Abnormal Psychology

MAJOR ELECTIVE — 12 credits

Four of the following courses

PSY 150	Psychology of Emotions
PSY 212	The Making of Modern Psychology
PSY 214	Positive Psychology and Health
PSY 218	The Psychology of Fiction
PSY 220	Multicultural Psychology
PSY 232T	Psychology and Technology: A Tour in the Netherlands
PSY 310	Organizational Psychology
PSY 315	Environmental Psychology
PSY 370	Special Topics in Psychology
PSY 497	Senior Research Seminar in Psychology
PSY 498	Internship in Psychology
PSY 499	Senior Thesis in Psychology

CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT — 3 credits

PSY 496	Senior Capstone in Psychology

The remaining credits required to complete the degree are fulfilled through ***interdisciplinary electives,*** *allowing students to explore courses across Franklin's academic offerings.*

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ABOUT THE MAJOR

3-YEAR OPTION

This major is also available as a three-year accelerated bachelor's degree for students who qualify for advanced standing based on their high school academic credentials. Students admitted with 30 U.S. credits of advanced standing receive a head start on their university studies, allowing them to complete their degree in three years.

GET TO KNOW OUR FACULTY



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ACADEMIC TRAVEL

EXPERIENCE THE PLACES YOU STUDY

Academic Travel courses allow students to learn beyond the classroom by exploring real-world environments alongside knowledgeable and passionate professors, turning travel destinations into immersive, living classrooms.

EXPLORE SOME MAJOR-RELATED ACADEMIC TRAVELS



PSY 208T PSYCHOLOGY EN ROUTE: COGNITION AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS IN ANCIENT CITIES

Explore cognitive, social, and psychodynamic psychology through the living history of Medieval and Renaissance cities. Hands-on activities, experiments, and research projects connect psychological theory with real urban environments shaped by centuries of intellectual life.

PSY 232T PSYCHOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY: A TOUR IN FINLAND

Dive into the intersection of technology and psychology, examining how digital tools, VR, and apps can impact well-being, research, and therapy. You will gain hands-on experience through labs, storytelling, and Academic Travel in Finland to connect theory with real-world innovation.





LEARN MORE ABOUT ACADEMIC TRAVEL AND EXPLORE OUR COURSES

WHY CHOOSE FRANKLIN?

Dual Accreditation
United States (MSCHE) & Switzerland* (AAQ)

Residential Campus
with 6 residence halls

350+ Students representing
55+ Countries
8K+ Alumni Community

Academic Travel
once a Semester for Experiential Learning

19 Majors
1 Master
(Master of Arts in Sustainability and Transformation)

Language
Programs fully taught in English

Small Class Sizes
with 16 students on average; 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio

Career-Ready Graduates
75% secure full-time employment within 6 months of graduating; 95% within 12 months



HOW TO APPLY

1. **Online Application**
   Apply online through our **website** or **Common App.**
2. **Academic Transcripts**
   Submit at least 3 years of High School transcripts.
3. **Personal Statement**
   Share what motivates you, the experiences that have shaped you, and the goals you hope to achieve.
4. **Recommendation Letter**
   The recommendation letter can come from a teacher, counselor, or other staff member who is well acquainted with your academic profile.
5. **English Proficiency (if required)**
   If your studies were not in English, submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo.
6. **WELCOME TO FRANKLIN**

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Write to our counselors at **admissions@fus.edu** or visit **www.fus.edu**