



Bachelor of Arts in **Psychology**

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program not only focuses on the problems and difficulties people encounter the world over, but also on their health, hopes, opportunities, aspirations, and fulfillment of goals. Our mission at USIU-Africa is to produce graduates who are responsible, in touch with the human aspect and visionary contributors to the discovery, dissemination, and application of psychological knowledge. As a graduate, you will acquire the skill to apply principles of behavior to human concerns and values in the world community and at the same time be proficient to pursue various career options in the businesses and human services.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Articulate the major concepts, theories, empirical findings, ethical standards and historical trends in psychology.
2. Conduct research in a variety of settings
3. Demonstrate creative and critical thinking approach to psychological issues in diverse settings.
4. Communicate in multicultural settings.
5. Use psychological knowledge, skills, values and attitudes to aid in interventions.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

120 UNITS

GENERAL EDUCATION

39 UNITS

SIGNATURE COURSES

15 UNITS

STRATEGIES FOR UNIVERSITY SUCCESS

3 UNITS

SUS 1010 Strategies for University Success

RESEARCH METHODS

3 UNITS

GRM 2000 Introduction to Research Methods

COMMUNITY SERVICE OR COMMUNITY PROJECT

3 UNITS

CMS 3700 Community Service

THE SENIOR EXPERIENCE

3 UNITS

SEN 4800 Integrated Senior Seminar

FUNDAMENTALS OF INFORMATION LITERACY

3 UNITS

FIL 1010 Fundamentals of Information Literacy

LANGUAGE STUDIES

12 UNITS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

6 UNITS

ENG 1106 Composition I (WI)

ENG 2206 Composition II (WI)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

6 UNITS

Students must have credit for a foreign language or must take a two-course foreign language sequence of one language.

USIU-Africa offers courses in Arabic (ARB1000), French (FRN1000), Japanese (JPN1000), Spanish (SPN1000), Swahili (SWA1000), Chinese (CHI1000) and Kenya Sign Language (KSL1000).

DISCIPLINARY GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES

6 UNITS

IST 1010 Introduction to Information Systems

MTH 1109 College Algebra

SCHOOL-BASED GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES

6 UNITS

Students are required to pick 2 from the other Schools.

At least one of the courses should be an upper level course. Lower level courses are coded 1000-2999 while upper level coded 3000-4999.

CHANDARIA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

LOWER LEVEL

BUS 1010 Introduction to Business

3 Units

ECO 1010	Principles of Microeconomics	3 Units
ENT 1010	Introduction to Entrepreneurship	3 Units
HRT 1010	Introduction to Hospitality & Tourism Management	3 Units

UPPER LEVEL

BUS 4070	Business Values & Ethics	3 Units
BUS 4090	Strategic Management	3 Units
MGT 3010	Overview of Management Practice	3 Units
MGT 4030	Cross Cultural Management	3 Units
MKT 3010	Principles of Marketing	3 Units

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

LOWER LEVEL

ENV 2000	Introduction to Environmental Sciences	3 Units
ENV 2001	Sustainable Resource Management	3 Units
JRN 1109	Introduction to Mass Communication	3 Units
JRN 2103	Fundamentals of Photography	3 Units
MTH 2210	Introduction to Applied Statistics	3 Units
MTH 2010	Probability and Statistics	3 Units
NSC 2215	Introduction to Physical Mechanics	3 Units
NSC 2205	Human Physiology	3 Units
NSC 2212	Life, Environment & Society	3 Units
NSC 2216	Introduction to Earth Sciences	3 Units

UPPER LEVEL

ENV 3200	Water Use & Management	3 Units
ENV 3288	Field Studies	3 Units
ENV 3300	Energy Use and Management	3 Units
ENV 3500	Regional Environment	3 Units
ENV 4000	Environmental Economics	3 Units
ENV 4200	Environmental Law	3 Units
JRN 3015	Media Management	3 Units
NSC 3304	Biology and the Environment	3 Units

CORE COURSES

81 UNITS

LOWER LEVEL

21 UNITS

PSY 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3 Units
PSY 1105	Developmental Psychology	3 Units
PSY 1110	Experimental Psychology	3 Units
PSY 1111	Writing in Psychology	3 Units
PSY 2105	Social Psychology	3 Units
PSY 2120	Psychology of Learning	3 Units
PSY 2125	Human Sexuality	3 Units

UPPER LEVEL

36 UNITS

PSY 3105	History and Systems of Psychology	3 Units
PSY 3110	Psychology of Personality	3 Units



PSY 3115	Abnormal Psychology	3 Units
PSY 3116	Psychology of Adolescence	3 Units
PSY 3125	Multicultural Diversity in Psychology (ILI)	3 Units
PSY 3140	Introduction to Counseling	3 Units
PSY 3141	Psychology of Special Needs	3 Units
PSY 4105	Statistics for Psychology	3 Units
PSY 4109	Tests and Measurements (OI)	3 Units
PSY 4110	Research Methods (WI)	3 Units
PSY 4117	Cognitive Psychology (ILI)	3 Units
PSY 4900	Psychology Project	3 Units
Or		
PSY 4910	Psychology Senior Internship	3 Units
Or		
PSY 4181	Fieldwork in Chemical Dependency	3 Units
(For students taking Chemical Dependency Certificate)		

ELECTIVES

9 UNITS

Students may choose from the following electives offered by the Department or from those offered by other Departments of the University. Two courses must be upper division.

PSY 1171	Introduction to Health Psychology	3 Units
PSY 3130	Physiological Psychology	3 Units
PSY 3135	Psychology of Communication	3 Units
PSY 3143	Psychology at Work I	3 Units
PSY 3711	Independent Study or Research	3 Units
PSY 3172	Understanding Grief, Loss and Bereavement	3 Units
PSY 4142	Psychology at Work II	3 Units
PSY 4143	Social Psychology in an Organizational Context	3 Units
PSY 4171	Behavioral Health Therapy	3 Units
PSY 4172	HIV-AIDS Testing & Counseling	3 Units
PSY 4711	Professional Workshop	3 Units

MINOR

15 UNITS

A minor consists of 1 lower level course and 4 upper level courses unless otherwise indicated. Psychology majors may choose a minor from the following:

- Chemical Dependency
- Health Psychology
- Industrial/ Organizational Psychology

or may choose a minor from among those offered in other degree programs

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Bachelor of Arts in Psychology opens up a wide range of career opportunities:

1. Mental Health Counselor
2. Human Resources Specialist
3. School Counselor
4. Case Manager
5. Rehabilitation Specialist
6. Market Research Analyst
7. Crisis Intervention Counselor
8. Behavioral Therapist
9. Community Service Manager
10. Substance Abuse Counselor
11. Career Counselor

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) or its equivalent with a minimum aggregate of C+ (Plus).

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