PSYCHOLOGY, B.A.
FOUR-YEAR DEGREE AND CAREER MAP

for Bulletin Year 2026-2027

Brooklyn College's Psychology program introduces students to psychology as a science—from the neural mechanisms of behavior to its practical applications in counseling, health, and organizations. Students learn to ask and answer questions about the mind, brain, and behavior, gain hands-on research experience, and prepare to promote human welfare in their communities, in the workplace, and in graduate study.

A degree in Psychology helps build skills in

- Applying psychological knowledge to real-world problems
- Scientific inquiry, research methods, and statistics
- Ethical reasoning and working across differences
- Clear communication and evaluating evidence
- Collaboration, project management, and career readiness

Our alumni work at leading institutions

New York State Psychiatric Institute
NYC Administration for Children's Services
NYC Department of Education
Kings County Hospital
Maimonides Medical Center
Mount Sinai
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
SUNY Downstate
Young Adult Institute (YAI)
CUNY Research Foundation

Continue your studies at Brooklyn College

M.A. in Mental Health Counseling

M.S. in Psychological Research

M.A. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Group Processes and Organizational Behavior

M.A. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Personnel and Human Resources

Where a psychology degree can take you

Many careers are open with a bachelor's degree. Others need more education: M master's degree D doctoral or professional degree (Ph.D., Psy.D., M.D., J.D., etc.)

PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELING

Clinical or counseling psychologist D
School psychologist M
Industrial-organizational psychologist M
Mental health counselor M
Marriage and family therapist M
School or career counselor M
Rehabilitation counselor M
Psychology professor D

SOCIAL & HUMAN SERVICES

Social and human service assistant
Social and community service manager
Probation officer
Health education specialist
Community health worker
Child, family, or school social worker M
Mental health social worker M

HEALTHCARE

Psychiatric technician
Recreational therapist
Health services manager
Occupational therapist M
Speech-language pathologist M
Physician assistant M
Nurse practitioner M
Physical therapist D
Psychiatrist or physician D

RESEARCH, DATA & ANALYTICS

Social science research assistant
Market research analyst
UX designer or researcher
Data scientist
Survey researcher M
Statistician M
Epidemiologist M
Medical scientist D

BUSINESS & HUMAN RESOURCES

Human resources specialist
Training and development specialist
Compensation and job analysis specialist
Management analyst
Public relations specialist
Fundraiser
Marketing manager

EDUCATION, LAW & PUBLIC SERVICE

Elementary or secondary teacher M
Special education teacher M
Instructional coordinator M
College student affairs administrator M
Paralegal
Mediator
Lawyer D

Education levels from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, adjusted for New York State licensing and certification requirements.

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YOUR JOURNEY

Your journey at Brooklyn College will prepare you for life after college. Career readiness is more than just attending classes—it's about trying new things, making new connections, and pushing yourself in and outside the classroom. No student path is the same—Brooklyn College helps you build your confidence, capabilities, and prepare for your career ahead.

FIRST YEAR

First Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
ENGL 1010: English Composition I *Pathways Required Core*	3	❍ Create a **Handshake** account ❍ Visit the **Learning Center** to see how it can help you achieve academic success ❍ Join a **student club** ❍ Get acquainted with the **Magner Career Center** ❍ Attend the majors' fair	❍ Start building a **basic résumé** ❍ Attend **cultural events** around New York City for free with your CUNY ID ❍ Find out about the many different career paths for psychology majors ❍ Not sure what career(s) interest you? Check out **My Next Move**. ❍ Schedule an appointment with a career coach using Navigate
U.S. Experience in Its Diversity *Pathways Flexible Core*	3		
PSYC 1000: Introductory Psychology *Major*	3		
General Elective	3		
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Total credits	**15**		

Second Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
ENGL 1012: English Composition II *Pathways Required Core*	3	❍ Attend events sponsored by student clubs ❍ Attend the **Magner Center Job and Internship Fair** and workshops during the semester ❍ Explore **scholarships, fellowships, and research opportunities** ❍ Meet with a **psychology advisor** to discuss the major and career paths	❍ Create a draft **cover letter** for internships and fellowships ❍ Look for **volunteer opportunities** in your community ❍ Create a LinkedIn account, connect with the Psychology department on LinkedIn ❍ Explore career options through the **Occupational Outlook Handbook**, **O*Net**, **CareerVillage.org**, and **CareerOne Stop**
Life & Physical Sciences *Pathways Required Core*	3		
World Cultures & Global Issues *Pathways Flexible Core*	3		
PSYC 2100 or 2200 or 2210 *Major*	3		
General Elective	3		
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SECOND YEAR

First Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
Individual & Society *Pathways Flexible Core*	3	❍ Meet with your professors and department advisor to discuss major/minor options and internships ❍ Identify potential **research opportunities** in psychology ❍ Explore **study abroad** opportunities and programs ❍ Explore **CUNY-wide internship opportunities**	❍ Update your resumé ❍ Develop a network of contacts through LinkedIn ❍ Explore **City Tutors** for mentors, workshops, and internship opportunities ❍ Find out more about **masters and doctoral programs** in psychology ❍ Find a **mentor** you can check in with periodically ❍ Start your **internship search**
Creative Expression *Pathways Flexible Core*	3		
PSYC 2300 or 2810 *Major*	3		
PSYC 2530 or 2600 *Major*	3		
General Elective	3		
Total credits	**15**		

Second Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
Scientific World *Pathways Flexible Core*	3	❍ Join a **student professional club or organization** ❍ Review **interview resources** and attend interviewing workshops ❍ Apply for **stipends** for unpaid internships ❍ Attend an event at another CUNY college ❍ Hone your public speaking skills. Record and critique your oral and nonverbal communication for video interview submissions. ❍ Attend a student research showcase event like **Science Day** at Brooklyn College and learn about other student's research experiences	❍ Identify skills that you need to build outside of the classroom using **O*NETonline.org** ❍ Create an **ePortfolio** of your academic and professional experiences, accomplishments, and reflections ❍ Conduct **informational interviews** with professionals in your career of interest ❍ Use LinkedIn to start marketing yourself and building professional relationships
Creative Expression *Pathways Flexible Core*	3		
PSYC 3400: Statistical Methods in Psychological Research *Major (Also fulfills Pathways Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning)*	4		
PSYC 3000-level or higher *Major*	3		
General Elective	3		
Total credits	**16**		

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THIRD YEAR

First Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
College Option *Pathways College Option*	3	❍ Take **leadership roles** in clubs and organizations ❍ Take part in research activities ❍ Participate in **Psychology seminars and events** ❍ Research graduate school and other postgraduate options ❍ Interested in graduate school? Contact our academic advisor. ❍ Consider studying abroad during the winter intersession or summer ❍ Attend the **Magner Career Center** Job and Internship Fair and employer information sessions/panels ❍ Meet with a **psychology advisor**	❍ Practice advanced interview techniques ❍ Apply for internships ❍ Refine your résumé ❍ Develop a list of potential employers ❍ Seek out professionals working in your focus area(s) to interview or job shadow ❍ Learn how to use AI to help with the job search and interview process
College Option *Pathways College Option*	3		
PSYC 3450W: Experimental Psychology *Major*	4.5		
PSYC 3000-level or higher *Major*	3		
General Elective	3		
Total credits	**16.5**		

Second Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
College Option *Pathways College Option*	3	❍ Volunteer to serve as a student representative on a departmental or school committee ❍ Identify staff and faculty to serve as references for graduate school, internships, and jobs ❍ Attend graduate school information sessions and the **Magner Career Center** Job and Internship Fair ❍ Attend **Magner Career Center** events for graduating seniors ❍ Apply for **Psychology Scholarships and Awards**	❍ Continue to apply for internships ❍ Update your **ePortfolio** ❍ Explore career options and tasks with **virtual work experiences** ❍ Attend a **job fair** ❍ Hone your AI skills for professional and post graduate life
College Option *Pathways College Option*	3		
PSYC 3000-level or higher *Major*	3		
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General Elective	3		
Total credits	**15**		

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FOURTH YEAR

First Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
General Elective	3	❍ Meet with a career advisor for job search preparation ❍ Meet with your academic advisor in Psychology ❍ Choose electives to diversify your skillset and round out your degree ❍ Take part in as many student clubs, professional organizations, and networking opportunities as you can ❍ Complete any remaining major/gen ed requirements ❍ If applying to graduate school, complete the application process	❍ Serve in a leadership role on campus or in a local community organization ❍ Attend **professional association conferences**, that offer student rates or scholarships ❍ Use LinkedIn to let contacts know you are looking for employment ❍ Actively apply for jobs or graduate school ❍ **File for graduation**
General Elective	3		
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General Elective	3		
General Elective	2		
Total credits	**14**		

Second Semester Classes	Credits	Expanding Your Horizons Through College Life	Roadmap to Career Readiness
General Elective	3	❍ Final Interview preparation ❍ Participate in student research showcase events including **Science Day** ❍ Attend Magner Center events for graduating seniors ❍ Apply for **Psychology Scholarships and Awards**	❍ Network, network, network ❍ Continue applying for jobs or graduate school ❍ Maximize your final year with every opportunity relevant to your postgraduate goal and discuss options with your advisor and faculty
General Elective	3		
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General Elective	1.5		
Total credits	**13.5**		

Disclaimer: Career readiness is a flexible journey, not a one-size-fits-all path. This suggested roadmap is designed to guide you, but if you're a transfer student or need to skip certain tasks, you can easily catch up. Likewise, some students may progress at a faster pace. The purpose of this career map is to help you stay on track while breaking down your goals into manageable steps. Keep in mind that most tasks are ongoing and should be revisited regularly, not completed just once.