

# Psychology

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The mission of the Evangel University Psychology program is to provide students with a generalist knowledge base of the field of psychology, to understand and make use of both the scientific method and the integration of Christian faith in explaining human behavior, to encourage students to serve others within the context of their Christian faith and personal strengths, and to help students pursue a career in the helping professions and/or graduate study.

The program offers three minors (Psychology, Biopsychology, and Psychology, and Psychology in the Church) as well as a Psychology concentration, to complement a variety of majors such as Church Ministries, Theology, Intercultural Studies, Education, and other helping professions.

The following Program Learning Outcomes have been established by Evangel faculty to define the areas of knowledge and skills that students graduating from this major degree program should have developed.

1. Knowledge of the major theoretical approaches, subfields, and trends in psychology, and examine them from a biblical perspective.
2. Apply the scientific method and critical thinking in the study of human behavior and experiences.
3. Understand human behavior in light of culture diversity, and human development.
4. Communicate effectively through written and oral means ideas and theories from the discipline of psychology.
5. Gain self-awareness of their behavior, motives, values, and strengths, and exhibit self-regulation and professionalism.
6. Demonstrate the integration of their Christian faith with their knowledge of psychology.
7. Be prepared for vocational training or graduate work in such fields as counseling, school counseling, clinical psychology, social work, criminal justice, pastoral counseling, and marriage and family counseling.