



BAŞKENT UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND LETTERS
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY | UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

General Information

Established in the 2008 - 2009 academic year, the Department of Psychology offers a four-year undergraduate program leading to a B.A. degree. The academic staff consists of 2 professors, 4 assistant professors, and 2 research assistants.

Qualification Awarded

Psychology (Turkish), Bachelor's Degree

Level of Qualification

Bachelor's Degree

Specific Admission Requirements

Students should pass the centrally administered entrance exam conducted by ÖSYM. General admission requirements apply for both Turkish students and students of other nationalities.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Depending on the degrees awarded, theoretical or practical courses taken as part of a degree (completed or not completed) may lead to recognition of these as prior learning by the programme administration. The students who have taken courses in another institution in Turkey or abroad can ask for credit and grade transfer. The executive board of the relevant program will decide which courses may be transferred, provided that the request for transfer is made within the first week of the academic year. Transfer requests are made to cover the entire academic program and cannot be repeated. The language of instruction is Turkish; however students should have adequate English skills to follow text materials. English language preparation is mandatory in this program. The exemption policy is applied based on the English Preparation School regulations.

Qualification Requirements and Regulations

A student is required to successfully complete the designated list of courses and meet the requirement of a minimum of 240 ECTS credits. The student must have a minimum GPA of 2.00/4.00 and no F1, F2 or Z grades. In addition to these the student must take one compulsory elective course offered by the Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture.

Profile of the Programme

The main purpose of Department of Psychology is to provide students with an academic / scientific climate in which they are able to acquire the necessary knowledge on psychology, learn to think critically, build the necessary skills to plan and conduct scientific research, be able to apply their professional knowledge in accordance with ethical standards, be conscious of their responsibilities towards themselves and their community, and turn into individuals with high levels of self-esteem, self-awareness and effective communication skills.

Key Learning Outcomes

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Upon the completion of the program the students will be endowed with the following qualities	
A	<i>Scientific and Critical Thinking</i>
A1	Analyze problems with the scientific method and appropriate scientific tools.
A2	Think critically and creatively, ask questions, make comments using the knowledge and skills they have acquired.
A3	Develop a positive attitude toward life-long education.
A4	Use the library, scientific databases, internet and other sources effectively.
A5	Have the skills to find out, analyze, evaluate, decide about, and apply the alternative solutions to problems.
A6	Be open-minded to use knowledge stemming from different disciplines and/or areas of psychology.
B	<i>Knowledge and Skills</i>
A7	Develop a positive attitude toward critical thinking.
B1	Have advanced theoretical and applied knowledge of psychology supported by contemporary course material.
B2	Have the necessary knowledge and skills to analyze and synthesize the main areas of psychology.
B3	Be competent in English and Turkish.
B4	Use effective methods to present, share and discuss scientific information.
B5	Be able to write scientific papers by using international manuals such as APA.
B6	Show courage and use the necessary skills to propose solutions to the problems of the world they live in.
B7	Show courage and have necessary skills to propose solutions to the problems of their own life.
C	<i>Research and Applications</i>
C1	Have a positive attitude to statistics and be able to use common statistical software packages.
C2	Be able to plan and conduct research independently.
C3	Apply qualitative and/or quantitative methods depending on the nature and the scope of a given problem.
C4	Know the research methods and statistical procedures used in behavioral sciences.
C5	Use tools such as questionnaires, inventories, scales, and tests.
C6	Apply psychological knowledge to other problem areas for community welfare.
C7	Use theoretical and applied knowledge in accordance with ethical standards.

Occupational Profiles of Graduates

Graduates of the Department of Psychology can be employed in a wide variety of sectors requiring competence in psychology and in research methods / statistics. Psychology graduates are widely employed in health institutions, hospitals, schools, organizations and companies, scientific institutes, clinics, advertisement companies, educational organizations, psychological services in a variety of governmental organizations, universities, rehabilitation centers, and so on. Those graduates wishing to pursue an academic career can be employed as research assistants in a variety of universities as they continue their studies to obtain higher degrees.

Access to Further Studies

Our graduates may apply to masters and doctorate program in any field.

Course Structure Diagram with Credits

1st Semester Course Plan				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK101	Introduction to Psychology I	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
PSK105	Critical Thinking	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
PSK107	Philosophy of Science	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
PSK111	Basic Mathematics	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
PSK171	Stress Management	Compulsory Course	2+0	3.0
ENG131	Academic English I	Compulsory Course	4+0	5.0
TÜRK101	Turkish I	Compulsory Course	2+0	2.0
Total ECTS Credits:				30.0
2nd Semester Course Plan				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK102	Introduction to Psychology II	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
PSK104	Social Anthropology	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
PSK106	General Biology	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
PSK112	Quantitative Research Methods I	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
PSK172	Communication Skills	Compulsory Course	2+0	3.0
ENG132	Academic English II	Compulsory Course	4+0	5.0
TÜRK 102	Turkish II	Compulsory Course	2+0	2.0
Total ECTS Credits:				30.0

3rd Semester Course Plan				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK211	Statistics I: Descriptive Statistics	Compulsory Course	3+2	4.0
PSK213	Quantitative Research Methods II	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK225	Experimental Psychology I: Learning and Memory	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK231	Social Psychology I	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK241	Developmental Psychology I	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK271	Anger Management	Compulsory Course	2+0	3.0
ENG231	Academic English III	Compulsory Course	4+0	5.0
ATA201	Ataturk's Principles and the History of Turkish Republic I	Compulsory Course	2+0	2.0
Total ECTS Credits:				30.0
4th Semester Course Plan				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK212	Statistics II: Exploratory Statistics	Compulsory Course	3+2	4.0
PSK226	Experimental Psychology I: Sensation and Perception	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK224	Physiological Foundations of Behavior	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK232	Social Psychology II	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK242	Developmental Psychology II	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK272	Problem Solving	Compulsory Course	2+0	3.0
ENG232	Academic English IV	Compulsory Course	4+0	5.0
ATA202	Ataturk's Principles and the History of Turkish Republic II	Compulsory Course	2+0	2.0
Total ECTS Credits:				30.0

5th Semester Course Plan				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK301	History of Psychology I	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK311	Experimental Design	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
PSK315	Psychological Testing and Measurement	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK323	Cognitive Processes I: Brain and Behavior	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK351	Personality Theories	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
PSK371	Conflict Resolution	Compulsory Course	2+0	3.0
ENG351	Translation I	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
Total ECTS Credits:				30.0
6th Semester Course Plan				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK302	History of Psychology II	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK304	Ethical Standards	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK324	Cognitive Processes II: Mind and Behavior	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK352	Psychopathology	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
PSK362	Industrial / Organizational Psychology	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK372	Development and Application of Psychological Community Projects	Compulsory Course	2+0	4.0
ENG352	Translation II	Compulsory Course	3+0	5.0
Total ECTS Credits:				30.0

7th Semester Course Plan				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK471	Crisis and Crisis Intervention	Compulsory Course	2+0	3.0
PSK481	Psychotherapy Approaches	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK491	Undergraduate Thesis I	Compulsory Course	1+2	3.0
	Electives* (5)			20.0
Total ECTS Credits:				30.0
8th Semester Course Plan				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK472	Test Anxiety and Its Management	Compulsory Course	2+0	3.0
PSK482	Interview Techniques	Compulsory Course	3+0	4.0
PSK492	Undergraduate Thesis II	Compulsory Course	1+2	3.0
	Electives* (5)			20.0
Total ECTS Credits:				30.0

* Students should take 10 elective courses from at least 3 different subareas and all of the courses should be PSK coded. The middle number of the course code indicates the subarea of the course. In addition to these the student must take one compulsory elective course offered by the Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture. Students are able to take extra credit elective courses from any department they wish.

- PSK40_: General Psychology
- PSK41_: Psychometry
- PSK42_: Experimental / Cognitive
- PSK43_: Social Psychology
- PSK44_: Developmental Psychology
- PSK45_: Clinical Psychology
- PSK46_: Industrial / Organizational Psychology

General Psychology Elective Courses				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK400	Cultural Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK401	Traffic Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK402	Sports Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK403	Media Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK404	Environmental Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK405	Forensic Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK406	Psychology of Religion	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK407	Existential Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK408	Psychology of Internet	Elective Course	3+0	4.0

PSK409	Health Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK410	Evolutionary Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
Psychometry Courses				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK411	Advanced Statistical Applications	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK412	Scale Development	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK413	Qualitative Research Methods	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
Experimental/Cognitive Psychology Elective Courses				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK420	Neuropsychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK421	Psychopharmacology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK422	Psycholinguistics	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK423	States of Consciousness	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK424	Comparative Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK425	Interpersonal Neurobiology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK426	Behavior Genetics	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
Social Psychology Elective Courses				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK430	Political Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK431	Psychology of Terror and Terrorism	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK432	Judgment and Decision Making	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK433	Psychology of the Self	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK434	Social Perception and Cognition	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK435	Motivation and Social Behavior	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK436	Experimental Social Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK437	Close Relationships	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK438	Group Behavior	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK439	Social Psychology and Cinema	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
Developmental Psychology Elective Courses				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK440	Cognitive Development	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK441	Psychology of Aging	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK442	Development and Socialization	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK443	Comparative Developmental	Elective Course	3+0	4.0

	Theories			
PSK444	Psychology of Attachment	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK445	Psychology of Gender	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
<i>Clinical Psychology Elective Courses</i>				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK450	Trauma Psychology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK451	Family Therapies	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK452	Childhood Psychopathology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK453	Developmental Psychopathology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK454	Play Therapy	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK455	Cultural Factors in Psychopathology	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK456	Clinical Tests	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK457	Cognitive - Behavioral Therapies	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK458	Gestalt Therapies	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK459	Introduction to Special Education	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
<i>Industrial/Organizational Psychology Elective Courses</i>				
Code	Course Title	Compulsory/ Elective	Laboratory+ Practice (Hour)	ECTS
PSK460	Human Factors and Total Quality Management	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK461	Job Analysis and Performance Evaluation	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK462	Organizational Behavior	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK463	Introduction to Personnel Selection	Elective Course	3+0	4.0
PSK464	Ergonomics	Elective Course	3+0	4.0

Examination Regulations, Assessment and Grading

A variety of assessment methods such as quizzes, mid-term(s), assignment(s), exercise(s), project(s), practice(s), and a final exam are implemented in the programme. Assessment methods may include classical test(s), multiple-choice test(s), homework(s), performance evaluation(s), and product evaluation(s). In order to graduate from the programme, cumulative GPA must be minimum 2.00. A course grade is constituted by evaluating the above stated elements and given by using letters. Letter grades and their associated coefficients are as follows;

GRADE	FACTOR
A	4,0
A-	3,7
B+	3,3
B	3,0
B-	2,7
C+	2,3
C	2,0
C-	1,7
D+	1,3
D	1
F1	0
F2	0
K	-
Y	-
Z	-
E	-
T	-

Graduation Requirements

A student is required to successfully complete the designated program of courses and meet the requirement of a minimum of 240 ECTS credits. The student must have a minimum GPA of 2.00/4.00 and no F1, F2 or Z grades. Students should take 10 elective courses from at least 3 different subareas and all of the courses should be PSK coded. In addition to these the student must take one compulsory elective course offered by the Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture.

Mode of Study

Full-time

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