



ADVANCING BRANDS THAT **ADVANCE EDUCATION**

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Grace Christian University

Psychology Major at GCU

Shaping Leaders for Meaningful Impact

With Grace Christian University's online degrees, you can further your education no matter where you are. Our online programs are designed to help you become equipped for the Lord's calling on your life, while working through your classes anytime, anywhere.

Grace's online degrees offer the same, high-quality level of education as our on-campus options, at less cost to you. Each degree also includes required Bible and Theology courses. No matter what track you choose, you'll graduate with a deeper knowledge of God and His Word, prepared to make an eternal impact wherever you go.

Upcoming Start Dates

Fall 2024

What to Expect

Excellence in Leadership, Grounded in Faith

At Grace, our curriculum goes beyond conventional education, weaving biblical principles into every facet of learning. We aim to develop passionate servants of Jesus that emphasize the integration of character transformation, ministry experience, and biblical truth.

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At Grace, You Are More Than a Student

At Grace, you'll find a place where you're not just a student, but a valued member of a close-knit family. Join us on a journey of discovery, where your God-given aspirations are nurtured, your potential is unleashed, and your future is filled with purpose.

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- [icon] Learn From Professors Who Really Care

2024-2025 Tuition Cost

An Affordable Psychology Online Degree

Explore the pathway to an affordable yet exceptional Psychology degree. With a range of financial aid options and competitive tuition rates, we're dedicated to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to excel in the pursuit of their calling without the burden of overwhelming student debt.

\$475 Tuition Cost Per Credit Hour

Military Personnel (active duty, veterans, spouses, dependents 23 or under) –

\$250/credit hour

Application Fee: \$0 (Waived for Adult students)

Resource fee (covers all textbooks and other resources required for Grace Online students)
– \$150 per 3-credit course

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MONTHS*	CREDIT HOURS	WEEK COURSES	START DATE

* Taking one five-week, three-credit course at a time on a year-round rotation, students typically complete 9-10 courses per year. Depending on the student's transfer credit status, completing the 120-credit B.S. degree generally takes four years.

Career Paths

Psychology Career Paths

Psychology students will be equipped with a versatile skill set that opens doors to a variety of career opportunities. Whether you're drawn to, social work, case work, or counseling, or beyond, the possibilities are vast.

Here are just a few examples of the diverse paths our alumni have pursued after completing their studies:

- Counselor
- Human Resources Director
- Forensic Psychologist
- Psychiatrist
- Therapist
- Social Worker
- School Counselor

Christian Faculty

Our dedicated faculty members are the heart of our Psychology program, embodying qualities of care, mentorship, and a steadfast commitment to Christ-centered education. Each member brings a wealth of professional expertise, ensuring that our students receive top-notch instruction grounded in real-world experience.

Benefits of Our Online Programs

Students in the Online Bachelor's degree programs will be able to:

- Attend classes on a flexible schedule that allows for work and family responsibilities
- Expand career and ministry opportunities with a degree that opens doors
- Obtain an affordable, high-quality education
- Gain collaboration skills through working with classmates and professors
- Achieve an educational goal

Course Descriptions

Psychology Courses

The Psychology program will equip students to holistically improve the lives of others through psychology. This program covers more than just learning to diagnose and treat mental illness. Students will practice helping patients with regard to psychology, sociology, biology, and spirituality. Psychology is ideal for those that want to become a Counselor, Social Worker, Psychiatrist, Therapist, or Human Resources Director.

The Bachelor of Science in Communication (120 credit hours) is comprised of:

- Arts and Sciences Core 30 credits
- Bible and Theology Core 30 credits*
- Major 45 credits
- Undesignated Electives/Minor 15 credits
- Total Required for Degree 120 credits

*18 credits for Degree Completion Transfer Students

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Counselor, Social Worker, Psychiatrist, Therapist, or Human Resources Director.
Specialists, Social Media Managers, Communication Directors, Business Leaders, Event Planners, Journalists, Public Servants, or Cultural Advisors.

Principles of Macroeconomics

BUS 201

3 Credit Hours

A study of fundamental principles of resource allocation, production and income distribution, evaluation of consumer and government spending, business investment, taxation and monetary policy.

Principles of Microeconomics

BUS 202

3 Credit Hours

A study of market economies, the price system, current economic problems, governmental activity in a market system, and international economics.

Principles of Accounting I

BUS 210

3 Credit Hours

An introduction to double-entry financial accounting, including basic accounting theory and principles, financial statement preparation and analysis.

Principles of Accounting II

BUS 212

3 Credit Hours

A continuation of BUS 210 and managerial accounting topics. Long-term liabilities, owner's equity, cash flow and interpretation of financial statements, cost accounting and managerial accounting and analysis will be introduced.

Prerequisite: BUS 210

Fundamentals of Business Law

BUS 255

3 Credit Hours

An introduction to the ethics and legal framework of business. Emphasis is placed on contracts, negotiable instruments, and the working of the court systems. Students will explore ethical issues and laws to aid in business decision-making.

International Business

BUS 260

3 Credit Hours

Familiarizes students with important considerations in conducting business in an increasingly global economy. It will help prepare students for positions in organizations engaged in global business. Students will be exposed to some of the issues encountered in global business. Key topics will include cultural, trade, ethical, political and economic issues.

Fundamentals of Business Technology

BUS 295

3 Credit Hours

Provides an overview of business technology concepts for today's environment. The course will explore careers in IT, IT vocabulary, and office applications and productivity. Knowledge of business principles, the impact of financial decisions, and technology proficiencies demanded by business combine to establish the elements of this course. Managing change and fundamentals project management will be covered.

Principles of Management

BUS 301

3 Credit Hours

An introduction to the management function within an organization. Topics include basic styles of management, principles of planning, organizing, motivating, directing, supervising, staffing, controlling work, and work performance in a business. There is a major emphasis on business as a mission and how our faith fits into workforce management.

Principles of Finance

BUS 303

3 Credit Hours

An introduction to the role of finance in the business world. Topics will include an overview of finance concepts, terminology, and principles, as well as the relationship between finance and accounting, basic financial analysis and planning techniques, financial ratios, profit, cash flow, and sources of business financing.

Organizational Leadership

BUS 372

3 Credit Hours

Provides an understanding of the topic of leadership in four contexts: intrapersonal and interpersonal relationships, organizational structure, processes,

and culture. Students will gain an understanding of organizational leadership from a theoretical, practical and biblical point of view. The biblical approach of the covenant will be used as a unifying theme for leadership best practices within each of these contexts.

Strategic Management

BUS 485

3 Credit Hours

Examines the art and science of formulating, implementing, and evaluating cross-functional decisions that enable an organization to achieve its objectives. The course focuses on integrating management, marketing, finance/accounting, production/operations, research and development, and information systems to accomplish organizational success in a rapidly changing global economy.

Business Portfolio

BUS 495

3 Credit Hours

Students assimilate their learning by developing a portfolio suitable for sharing with potential employers. The individual business portfolio is a collection of coursework, learning experiences, and class projects which highlight growth and mastery throughout the degree program.

Business Internship

BUS 499

3 Credit Hours

A faculty-supervised internship that integrates previous classroom learning with practical experiences acquired at an approved internship site. Internships require a minimum of 40 hours of contact time per credit earned. The typical Business Internship is three credits, for a total of 120 hours. Emphasis will be on application of skills and concepts in a business setting.

Principles of Marketing

MKT 330

3 Credit Hours

Covers the role of marketing research, analysis of marketing opportunities, selection of target markets, development of marketing mix variables, management of the marketing effort, and development of the market plan. The specific topics that will be covered include marketing planning, understanding customer's decision making environment, measurement of market performance, product and branding decisions, advertising and promotions, pricing, and distribution.

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Arts and Sciences Core

Our Arts and Sciences Core curriculum is designed to cultivate holistic learning outcomes of human understanding, self understanding, and relational understanding. Through a diverse array of courses and interdisciplinary exploration, students delve into a variety of subjects, fostering a deeper appreciation for the world around them while honing essential skills for personal and professional growth.

Life Communication

COM 140

3 Credit Hours

Life Communication prompts students to identify their passion and excitement to use the gift of speech for good. By working through the process of topic selection, research, and speech organization, students will build confidence in serving others with their communication. In Life Communication, students will be encouraged to know their story, challenged to live their story, and empowered to tell their story.

Professional Communication

COM 290

3 Credit Hours

Explores the fundamental concepts, principles, and skills needed for effective communication in a global world. Emphasis will be given to communication concepts, skillful writing, professional interviewing, organized informational presentations, and cultural intelligence in the workplace. Prerequisite: ENG 101, COM 140

English Composition or English Composition with Lab or Argumentation and Research

ENG 101 English Composition

3 Credit Hours

The purpose of this course is to engage students in the writing process which includes prewriting, drafting, composing, editing, and revising to equip them for college-level written assignments. Students will learn to evaluate, synthesize, document and integrate scholarly sources into academic writing while adhering to the conventions of English grammar and mechanics. A final research paper is required. Must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.

ENG 101L English Composition with Lab

4 Credit Hours

The purpose of this course is to engage students in the writing process which includes prewriting, drafting, composing, editing, and revising to equip them for college-level written assignments. Students will learn to evaluate, synthesize, document and integrate scholarly sources into academic writing while adhering to the conventions of English grammar and mechanics. Attendance in the writing lab is required. Must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.

ENG 201 Argumentation and Research

3 Credit Hours

Building on a foundation of English composition, students will experience intensive practice in academic writing and research. Students will learn how to understand and think critically about the ideas and language of others and how to develop and persuasively articulate their thoughts. Prerequisite: ENG 101 or Advanced English Placement.

History Elective

HST –

3 Credit Hours

Literature Elective

ENG –

3 Credit Hours

Philosophy Elective

PHL –

3 Credit Hours

Introduction to Psychology or Introduction to Cultural Diversity or Principles of Sociology

PSY 201 Introduction to Psychology

3 Credit Hours

A general survey of the discipline of psychology including the principles, methods, vocabulary, and major theories in the study of human behavior. Consideration will be given to selected applications of psychology for life and ministry.

SOC 243 Introduction to Cultural Diversity

3 Credit Hours

An exploration of cultural diversity and multiculturalism from a Christian faith perspective. This course provides a process to understand and practice cultural

diversity competence. It is designed to initiate and provide ongoing preparation for effective interaction with everyone in our culturally diverse world. Growth in these skills equips individuals with the social graces needed to form bonds of mutual trust that will bridge the differences that ordinarily divides people.

SOC 251 Principles of Sociology

3 Credit Hours

A study of contemporary Western society with emphasis on culture, socialization, group life, social institutions, social processes and social change.

Math or Science Elective

MTH – or SCI –

3 Credit Hours

Arts and Sciences Electives

6 Credit Hours

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Bible and Theology Core

Our Bible and Theology Core curriculum is designed to provide students with opportunities for spiritual growth, ministry, and biblical literacy. Delve into learning to analyze biblical texts, engaging in service, and practicing spiritual disciplines.

Old Testament Literature

BBL 102

3 Credit Hours

Survey of the literature of the Old Testament in its historical setting, literary types, and main ideas. Attention is given to outstanding persons, events, and major teachings.

New Testament Literature

BBL 202

3 Credit Hours

Survey of the literature of the New Testament in its historical setting, literary types, and main ideas. Attention is given to outstanding persons and major events.

Bible Study Methods and Application or Biblical Interpretation

BIB 205 – Bible Study Methods and Application

3 Credit Hours

An introduction to the principles and practice of inductive Bible study, with emphasis on the effective communication of biblical truth. This course will include assignments intended to develop skills in expository writing and biblical instruction. Christian Ministry requirements are also embedded in this course.

BIB 215 Biblical Interpretation

3 Credit Hours

An introduction to the principles and practice of biblical interpretation as well as the primary tools of biblical research. Intended primarily for students majoring in Biblical Studies, this course seeks to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to correctly interpret and analyze various literary genres, as well as develop skills needed for accurate practical application and teaching. Christian Ministry requirements are also embedded in this course.

Upper Division Old Testament Bible Elective

BIB –

3 Credit Hours

Upper Division New Testament Bible Elective

BIB –

3 Credit Hours

Christian Worldview

THE 161

3 Credit Hours

Investigates the key aspects of Christian Worldview: Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Reconciliation. The study of these topics will then be applied to cultural challenges facing Christians in post-Christian world.

Christian Mission

THE 162

3 Credit Hours

Investigates the key aspects of Christian Mission: Spiritual Formation, Evangelism, and Global Mission. The study of these topics will then be applied to cultural challenges facing Christians sharing the gospel in cross-cultural contexts. Christian Ministry requirements are also embedded in this course.

Biblical Christian Thought

THE 213

3 Credit Hours

Emphasizes Scripture as the basis of Christian thought about God and surveys a range of Christian doctrine from the standpoint of systematic, historical and dogmatic theology. It also includes a survey of the progressive revelation of God's plan in Scripture as foundational to a Christian worldview; provides a focused introduction to Pauline dispensational theology and its unique ecclesiological and eschatological interests. Christian Ministry requirements are also embedded in this course.

Theology of Spiritual Formation

THE 363

3 Credit Hours

Emphasizes the practical outworking of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. Special consideration will be given to how the Holy Spirit equips God's people for service, a development of a plan for lifelong spiritual growth, and appreciation for the historic spiritual disciplines. Christian ministry requirements are also embedded in this course. Prerequisite: THE 213.

Upper Division Theology Elective

THE –

3 Credit Hours

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Management Concentration

12-15 Credit Hours

Explore the Christian call to business as a ministry. Through our management concentration, students master business disciplines by using real-world businesses in addition to the classroom environment to make an impact on an organization's productivity and profitability.

Personnel Development

BUS 470

3 Credit Hours

Prepares the student to integrate the various theories of learning, leadership, and motivation into a practical application of different methodologies, including needs assessment, development, and execution. Other important aspects covered include job design, coaching, mentoring, and performance management techniques.

Operations Management

BUS 475

3 Hours

Provides an understanding of the foundations of the operations function from both manufacturing and services perspectives. The course will analyze operations from both strategic and operational perspectives and highlight the competitive advantages that operations can provide for the organization. Covering topics in the areas of process analysis, materials management, production scheduling, quality improvement, and product design.

Culture and Conflict Management

COM 330

3 Credit Hours

Provides a basic overview of conflict resolution. The history, methods, and theory of conflict resolution will be explored. In addition, strategies in competitive versus collaborative negotiation will be examined in the context of culture and a Christian perspective.

Leadership and Group Communication

COM 350

3 Credit Hours

An introduction to the principles of small group communication, Leadership and Group Communication provides a foundation for understanding teams and groups. Activities will allow students to experience the challenge of learning how to improve their group communication skills through participation. Exploring biblical characteristics of leadership and teamwork will provide students with a framework for communicating and effectively leading in a diverse world.

Psychology of Leadership (Recommended)

PSY 215

3 Credit Hours

Reviews the psychological and social processes that characterize effective leaders. Students will learn about leadership in relationrelationship to psychological exchanges between leaders and followers and situations/behaviors that make some people more effective leaders than others. Some key factors that will be studied include psychological theories related to leadership, importance of teamwork, role of power, motivation, role of emotional intelligence, expectations of leaders, and various factors affecting future leadership in the 21st century. All of this will be studied from a Christian worldview of servant leadership. Offered alternate years.

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Marketing Concentration

12 Credit Hours

Integrate Christian principles in marketing function with fundamental business enterprise concepts. Through our marketing concentration, students master marketing principles, learn to develop a strategic marketing plan, and explore the use of technology—including social media— in digital marketing.

Social Media Marketing

MKT 265

3 Credit Hours

Uses a biblical framework to determine and guide the identification and use of this rapidly changing media. Students will develop engagement strategies using social media to advance the mission and vision of the organization by creating customer profiles in social media marketing. In addition to the identification of alternative social media platforms, this class will explore various engagement options to ensure cultural awareness in advancing a marketing strategy.

Information Technology for Marketers

MKT 310

3 Credit Hours

Explores how marketers use PC to enterprise-level computer systems to develop marketing plans to create sound marketing solutions in the eCommerce environment. Focus on the rapidly changing business climate will, from a biblical perspective, evaluate best practices that IT systems proved to the life cycle of the system application. The course will explore career and mission opportunities with various information systems.

Advertising and Promotions

MKT 315

3 Credit Hours

By focusing on using major marketing communication tools, students will explore advertising, direct marketing, the Internet, interactive media, sales promotion, public relations, personal selling, and social and consumer-driven media. After researching and evaluating a company's marketing and promotional plan, a communication plan will be developed.

Marketing Research

MKT 435

3 Credit Hours

Provides a comprehensive introduction to marketing research and discusses key concepts, processes, and techniques, as well as their applications. Besides an overview of marketing research, the course covers research design, addresses the use of marketing research as an aid to making marketing decisions; specifically, how the information used to make marketing decisions is gathered and analyzed.

What Our Graduates Are Saying

“The faculty was one of my favorite aspects... They assured me that I was capable of the dreams I have and explained to me how I could practically achieve them. Studying at Grace prepared me for ministry because of the Biblical foundation that was intertwined with all the education I received during my studies.”

- Mallory W. ‘21’
- Psychology

Take the Next Step

Your Calling to the World Awaits

Join the Grace community and embark on a transformative journey of faith, learning, and personal growth as you pursue your calling in the psychology field.

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