

### 3.1.5. Department of Psychology

#### 1. About us

Welcome to the Department of Psychology at the University of Konstanz. We aim to offer international students the best conditions during their stay. The department is successful in international research and participates in several projects of the Germany-wide Excellence Initiative. It regularly achieves excellent results in evaluations and university rankings, both on the national and the international level. The excellent quality of teaching and research will ensure that your stay in Konstanz will be enriching, both personally and professionally. The eleven teaching and research units of the Department of Psychology cover the entire scope of basic and applied psychological research, ranging from the neuroscientific foundations of human cognition, emotion, and behaviour to their social and organizational contexts. For more details, visit our web pages and have a look at our research groups.

[– psychologie.uni-konstanz.de/en/department/professors-and-junior-research-groups](https://psychologie.uni-konstanz.de/en/department/professors-and-junior-research-groups)

#### 2. Degrees

The degrees offered by the department are:

##### Undergraduate/bachelor's programme

###### Bachelor of Science

- Psychology (period of study: six semesters. Starting WiSe 2021/22)
- Psychology (period of study: eight semesters. Will be phased out)

##### Graduate/master's programme

###### Master of Science

- Psychology (period of study: two semesters)
- Psychology (period of study: four semesters. From WiSe 2023/24)

The two-semester Master of Science Psychology follows up the eight-semester Bachelor of Science Psychology.

### Exemplary study plan for the four-year bachelor's programme Psychology (Subject to change. The curriculum will be phased out successively)

1. Sem. (WiSe) 30118*	2. Sem. (SoSe) 30116*	3. Sem. (WiSe) 30118*	4. Sem. (SoSe) 30116*	5. Sem. (WiSe) 301X*	6. Sem. (SoSe) 301?*	7. Sem. (WiSe) 301?*	8. Sem. (SoSe) 3012*
L: What is Applied Psychology? 212*	L: Developmental Psychology 1 412*	L: Developmental Psychology 2 412*	L: Learning and Memory 412*		S: Advanced psychology course 412*	S: Advanced psychology course 412*	
L: Biopsychology 612*	L: Social Psychology 1 412*	S: Seminar on developmental psychology 312*	L: Motivation and Emotion 412*		S: Advanced psychology course 412*		
S: Seminar on biological psychology 312*	L: Social Psychology 2 412*	L: Cognition 412*	S: Seminar on learning, emotion, motivation, memory 312*		S: Research methods 312*	S: Research methods 312*	
S: Seminar on social psychology 312*	L: Perception 412*	S: Seminar on perception and cognition 312*	Practical Training in Empirical Research 2 312*				
L/T: Methodology 1 513*	L/T: Methodology 2 514*	L: Test Theory and Test Construction 412*	L: Introduction to Work and Organizational Psychology 412*		Module Basic Concepts of Neuropsychology 814*	Module Selected Topics of Work and Health Psychology 814*	
Practical Training in Empirical Research 1 312*	L/T: Statistics 2 514*	S: Seminar on psychological assessment 312*	L: Introduction to Health Psychology 412*		Module Methods of Work and Health Psychology 814*	Module Social Factors 814*	
L/T: Statistics 1 416*		L: Psychological Assessment: Introduction 412*	L 1 in the module Clinical Psychology 1 412*		Module Health and Work over the Lifespan 814*	Module Clinical Psychology 3 814*	
			L 2 in the module Clinical Psychology 1 412*		Module Clinical Psychology 2 814*	Module Clinical Neuropsychology 814*	
Transferable skills 211*	Non-psychological electives 512*	Non-psychological electives 412*					bachelor's thesis 121X*
				Internship 301X*			Research colloquium 412*
			20 test-subject hours 21X*				Theoretical and empirical research work under supervision 141X*

Important: Table subject to change due to updates to the study programme. For current information, please visit our web pages. [– psychologie.uni-konstanz.de/en/advice-and-services/forms-downloads](https://psychologie.uni-konstanz.de/en/advice-and-services/forms-downloads)

Note: The Prüfungs- und Studienorientierung (study and examination regulations) are the legal basis for the bachelor's programme Psychology. Descriptions of the various modules and courses can be found in the Modulhandbuch (module handbook). This schedule is meant as a guideline only.

Legend:  
 \* ECTS | SWS  
 SWS = weekly teaching hours  
 L = lecture  
 L/T = lecture with practice tutorial  
 S = seminar  
 SoSe = summer semester  
 WiSe = winter semester

- Zwischenprüfung (interim examination): has to be completed until end of the sixth semester.
- A total of 9 ECTS credits must be acquired by the end of the sixth semester by passing non-psychological electives.
- Orientierungsprüfung (orientation examination): has to be completed until end of the third semester.
- The 20 test-subject hours must be complete at the time of registration for the bachelor's thesis.
- From the sixth to the eighth semester, 5 different modules of 8 ECTS credits each from the 8 modules of the application branches must be completed. The modules can be freely combined. In addition, 2 seminars on research methods and 3 seminars in advanced psychology must be completed.

For more information see  
our website:

– [psychologie.uni.kn/en](https://psychologie.uni.kn/en)



### 3. Curriculum

The curriculum equips students with the empirical tools that are required in modern scientific studies. The bachelor's programme also includes a wide array of fundamental studies of different aspects of psychology (e.g., biopsychology, social psychology, developmental psychology, perception, cognition, assessment, learning and memory, motivation and emotion).

Furthermore, it introduces in-depth studies in various fields (e.g., health psychology, work psychology, clinical psychology, clinical neuropsychology). Key qualifications for working as a psychologist are acquired during the programme. Psychological techniques of consultation and chairmanship, experimental work and systematic observation and execution of surveys, competences in IT and the presentation of scientific results using modern presentation techniques are essential parts of the curriculum.

The Department of Psychology at the University of Konstanz is engaged in various interdisciplinary research groups in cooperation with several departments of the university. The department also has close ties to research facilities and psychological institutions, such as psychotherapeutic inpatient and outpatient clinics in the Lake Constance area, see here:

– [psychologie.uni.kn/en/research/collaborations](https://psychologie.uni.kn/en/research/collaborations)

### 4. Course categories and course choices

The diversity of the field of Psychology leads to a wide variety of courses which are divided into three different categories.

– **Lectures** (*Vorlesungen*) entail teaching in large groups. At the end of the lecture period, you will be assessed by means of a final written examination at the University of Konstanz.

– **Seminars** (*Seminare*) entail student-centred teaching and active learning in smaller group sessions. Regular class attendance is one of the prerequisites for passing a seminar. You might be asked to hold presentations on a given topic and/or to hand in homework and seminar theses.

– **Tutorials** (*Übungen*) provide a platform for discussions of exercises and case studies. They usually accompany lectures.

The study programmes in psychology are divided up into various modules (*Module*). The bachelor's programme consists of different lectures, seminars and tutorials belonging to the same thematic field. The master's programme consists of seminars and case seminars only.

Courses are offered in a certain sequence. Each course is offered either during the summer semester or during the winter semester. Some courses are offered every semester.

The exemplary term schedule for the four year bachelor's programme provides an overview of the courses offered, the weekly hours that are required and the ECTS credits that are awarded upon completion of each course. These specifics are also mentioned in the commentary section of the course description in **ZEuS**, the online course catalogue of the university, where a constantly updated list of courses can be found.

Many seminars and some lectures are held in English. The content and themes of the English seminars may vary from semester to semester, and you will need to check the course catalogue to see the current ones.

Even if most courses are offered in German, lecturers may be willing to accept assessments (papers, exams) in English if you ask them in advance.

Note: As an international exchange student, you also have the opportunity to choose courses of departments or degree programmes other than your own as long as the responsible lecturer, **the respective departmental Erasmus coordinator and the coordinator** of your home university agrees. Please contact the responsible lecturer and the Erasmus coordinator of the degree programme independently to obtain their consent.

The language department (SLI) and the transferable skills department (KEY/ Schlüsselqualifikation) offers courses specifically for all national and international students.

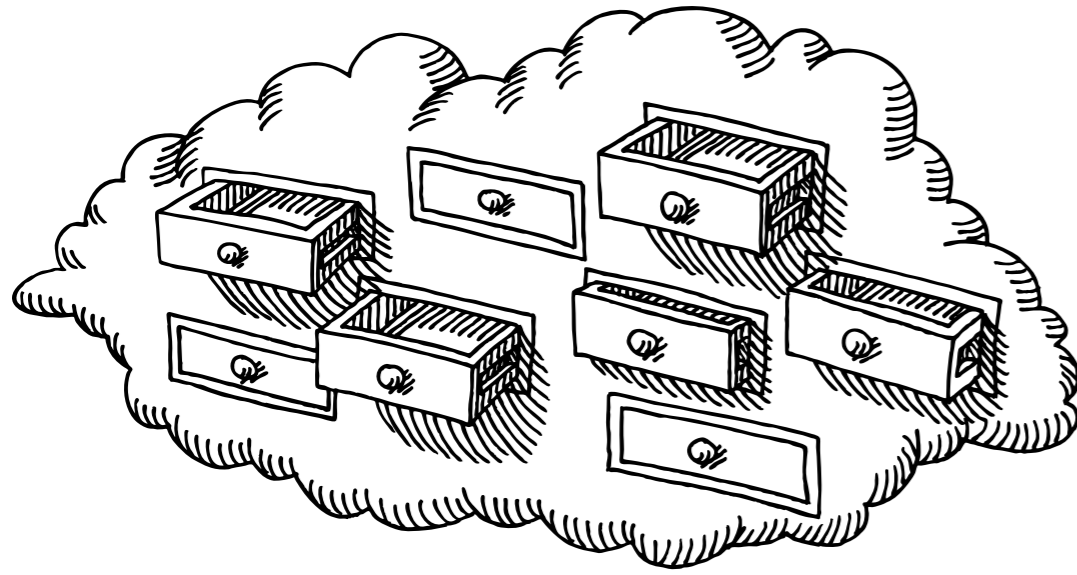
### Assessment information

Details on the coursework and assessments of each course are either mentioned in the online course catalogue or announced by the lecturer in the first meeting of class. You should therefore make sure to attend the first meeting of a course you are interested in, even if you are unsure about your participation in it. Where registration is explicitly requested, you should follow the instructions in the course commentary.

### 5. Course registration

#### **Psychology seminars**

Incoming students of the Department of Psychology have to complete the Excel file "Your Course Choices" before their arrival in Konstanz and submit the file to



the departmental Erasmus coordinator via email. The Department of Psychology will register their incoming students for the chosen seminars and the corresponding assessments before the beginning of the semester.

Note: Taking psychology seminars is not possible for students from other departments because of the prior knowledge required and the limited number of places available. However, students from other departments interested in psychology may find other, eligible courses here:

– [psychologie.uni.kn/en/study/psychology-courses-for-students-from-other-disciplines](https://psychologie.uni.kn/en/study/psychology-courses-for-students-from-other-disciplines)

#### Lecture exams in psychology

Differently from seminars, psychology lectures are open for students from any department without registration in ZEuS, but you have to join the Ilias course in order to have access to course materials. Note that you have to register in ZEuS yourself if you want to take the final exam, receive a grade and gain ECTS credits.

Typically, registration for lecture exams is during the semester in ZEuS within the following periods:

- winter semester 01.01. to 31.01.
- summer semester 01.06. to 30.06.

These specifics are also mentioned in the course description in our online course catalogue ZEuS.

Exam registration is completed using the central enrolment and student portal of the University of Konstanz, **ZEuS**.

#### 6. Language requirements

Exchange students have to hand in proof of adequate language skills in either German or English as part of their application. The minimum level B2 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) will be required to be able to follow the courses in either language.

More information can be found on our website:

– [psychologie.uni.kn/en/study/international/incomings](https://psychologie.uni.kn/en/study/international/incomings)

We wish you an enjoyable, productive time in Konstanz and in our department!

#### 7. Contact and advice

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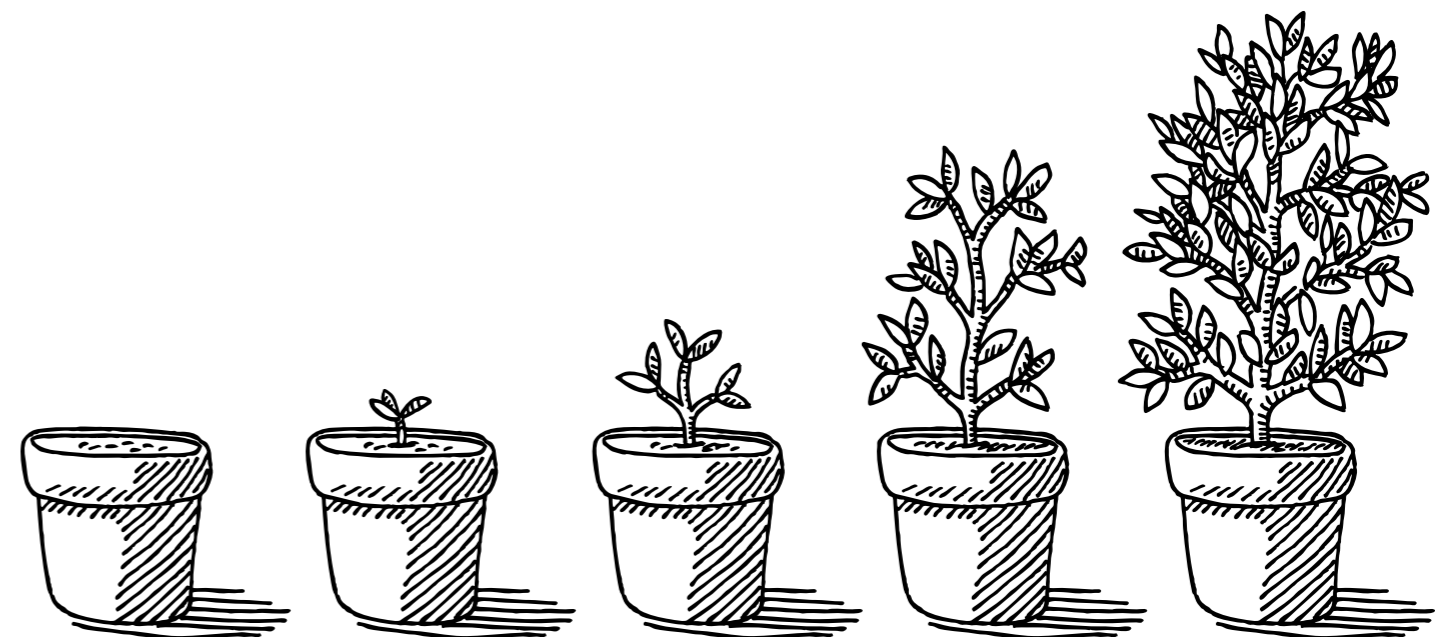
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# Exemplary study plan of the 3-year Bachelor of Science Psychology

Note: The curriculum will be implemented successively.

Basic and Advanced Modules										Supplementary Modules				CPs/SWS per semester
1. Semester (WS)	<b>Module 1</b> Differential Psychology L/W Differential Psychology and Personality Research CPs; SWS 5;4	<b>Module 2</b> Social Psychology L Social Psychology 1+2 5;4	<b>Module 2</b> Social Psychology S Advanced Seminar on Social Psychology 3;2	<b>Module 3</b> General Psychology 1 L Perception and Cognition 4;2	<b>Module 3</b> General Psychology 1 S Advanced Seminar on Perception and Cognition 3;2	<b>Module 5</b> Biological Psychology L Biological Psychology 1 4;2		<b>Module 7</b> Statistics L/W Statistics 1 5;4			<b>Module 20</b> Supplementary Module: Non-Psychology Required Electives S Transferable Skills  <b>Module 20</b> Supplementary Module: Non-Psychology Required Electives S Transferable Skills  <b>Module 20</b> Supplementary Module: Non-Psychology Required Electives L/S Related Disciplines 1st-5th semester  <b>Module 17</b> Work Placement or Research Internship  INT Work Placement or Research Internship 13 CPs/10 Weeks	<b>Module 21</b> Supplementary Module: Psychotherapy S Transferable Skills  <b>Module 18</b> Internship Psychotherapy  INT/S Orientation Internship 5 CPs/4 Weeks INT/S Practical Professional Qualification 1: Introduction to Psychotherapy Practice 8 CPs/6 Weeks  <b>Module 21</b> Supplementary Module: Psychotherapy  S Principles of Pharmacology 4;2 S Biological Psychology 3 4;2 S Preventive Rehabilitation and Psychotherapy 2;2 S Professional Ethics & Professional Law 2;2	29;20	
2. Semester (SS)	<b>Module 6</b> Developmental and Educational Psychology L Introduction to Developmental and Educational Psychology 4;2	<b>Module 6</b> Developmental and Educational Psychology S Advanced Seminar Developmental & Educational Psychology 3;2 <b>Module 8</b> Methods L/W Methods & History of Psychology 5;4 <b>Module 9</b> Experimental Research Methods PT Experimental Research Methods 1 3;2 <b>Module 4</b> General Psychology 2 L Learning and Memory 4;2 <b>Module 4</b> General Psychology 2 S Advanced Seminar on General Psychology 2 3;2 <b>Module 5</b> Biological Psychology L Biological Psychology 2 4;2					<b>Module 7</b> Statistics L/W Statistics 2 6;6			32;29				
3. Semester (WS)	<b>Module 6</b> Developmental and Educational Psychology L Advanced Lecture on Developmental Psychology 4;2		<b>Module 10</b> Principles of Psychological Assessment L Principles of Psychological Assessment 4;2 L Test Theory and Test Construction 4;2		<b>Module 10</b> Principles of Psychological Assessment S Advanced Seminar on Psychological Assessment 4;2	<b>Module 4</b> General Psychology 2 L Emotion and Motivation 4;2	<b>Module 9</b> Experimental Research Methods PT Experimental Research Methods 2 3;2	<b>Module 11</b> Mental Disorders L Mental Disorders 4;2					30;16	
4. Semester (SS)	<b>Module 12</b> Psychotherapeutic Methods L Psychotherapeutic Methods 4;2		<b>Module 13</b> Psychology of Health: Introduction L Psychology of Health 1 4;2 L Psychology of Health 2 4;2			<b>Module 14</b> Psychology of Health: Applied S Advanced Seminar on Psychology of Health 4;2	<b>Module 11</b> Mental Disorders S Advanced Seminar on Mental Disorders 4;2							
5. Semester (WS)	<b>Module 12</b> Psychotherapeutic Methods S Advanced Seminar on Psychotherapeutic Methods 4;2	<b>Module 15</b> Advanced Psychology Courses S Advanced Psychology Courses 1 4;2	<b>Module 16</b> Research Methods S Research Methods 1 3;2	<b>Module 14</b> Psychology of Health: Applied L Psychology of Health and Prevention 4;2	<b>Module 14</b> Psychology of Health: Applied S Advanced Seminar on Psychology of Health and Prevention 4;2					10 CPs			29;?	
6. Semester (SS)	<b>Module 15</b> Advanced Psychology Courses S Advanced Psychology Courses 2 4;2	<b>Module 16</b> Research Methods S Research Methods 2 3;2	<b>Module 16</b> Research Methods S Research Methods and Scientific Work 3;2	<b>Module 19</b> Thesis Research Colloquium 4;2	<b>Module 19</b> Thesis Bachelor's Thesis 12								27;?	

The orientation exam must be completed by the end of the 4th semester and consists of the coursework and performance assessments in Module 8: Methods & History of Psychology, and Module 9: Experimental Research Methods 1.

All courses and their accompanying exams in the Basic Modules should preferably be completed by the end of the 3rd semester and **must** be completed by the end of the 5th semester.

In the Supplementary Modules, 3 ECTS in total have to be obtained for the Transferable Skills seminar. All courses and their accompanying exams in the Supplementary Modules should be completed by the end of the 5th Semester.

Internships must be in full-time and **require official approval from the Internship Coordinator** at least 3 months prior to the start of the internship.

Module 20 requires at least 3 ECTS credits in total for Transferable Skills, and 10 ECTS credits for courses in Related Disciplines including at least one graded performance assessment.

The number of places in the Supplementary Module Psychotherapy is limited. Places are allocated via a selection process. Prerequisite to participate in the selection process is the successful completion of the courses and their accompanying exams in the first two semesters (as shown in the exemplary study plan above) as well as the exams "Mental Disorders" and "Principles of Psychological Assessment & Test Theory and Test Construction". Places are allocated based on the average grade weighted by ECTS credits.

Module 21 is completed when all exams in this module are successfully passed. All exams of the required elective courses in this module can be retaken twice.

\* IMPORTANT: The regulations, procedures and requirements in the BSc Psychology are stipulated in the official study- and exam regulations (available in German only). Module and course descriptions can be found in the Module Guide.

You are not required to take the courses in the exact same order as shown in the exemplary study plan above.

**Abbreviations:** L = Lecture, L/W = Lecture with workshop, TSH = Test Subject Hours, S = Seminar, PT = Practical training, INT= Internship, INT/S= Internship with accompanying seminar, SWS = weekly teaching hours, CPs = ECTS Credits (European Credit Transfer System), SS = summer semester, WS = winter semester