The Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Psychology provides an understanding of human behavior within a socio-cultural context. Students explore the variables affecting human behavior within both individual and group settings. The major positions students for either post-college employment or advanced education. The emergency management strategy and planning option prepares students to address the psychological factors, prescriptive and descriptive models of decision making, cognitive biases, heuristics, risk perception, social influences, and past experiences that together help explain why people tend to be underprepared for potential natural and human-made disasters.

**General Education Program Requirements**

- Minimum Credit Requirement: 120 credits
- Minimum Residency Requirement: 30 credits must be taken at UNH
- Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.0 is required for conferral*

**Degree Requirements**

**Core Curriculum Required:** General Education Program Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*GPA: Major and any state certification GPA requirements may be higher and are indicated in program details.

A minimum grade of C- is required in all Major coursework. Some programs may have higher grade requirements for Major coursework as noted in the Major requirements section below. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor, and General Education requirements with only one overlap being utilized between the Major and Minor. Please note that Option requirements are considered part of the Major. Students must complete 16 upper-level credits in majors within the College of Professional Studies, Online.

**General Education Program Requirements**

A minimum grade of D- is required in all General Education coursework. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor and General Education requirements with only one overlap being utilized between the Major and Minor.

All General Education requirements, including CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking and IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar, must be taken prior to the capstone.
or PSY 685  Principles of Psychopathology
or SLA 506  Language Acquisition
or SOCI 675  Child Abuse and Neglect
or SOSC 602  Men and Women in Cross-Cultural Perspectives

Advanced Courses
PSY 725  Cognitive Psychology 4
PSY 740  Biopsychology 4

Option in Emergency Management Strategy and Planning
BEHS 445  Homeland Security and Emergency Management 4
BEHS 610  Community Emergency Response 4
BEHS 665  Disaster Management 4
BEHS 675  Terrorism: Domestic and International 4

Integrative Capstone
PSY 795  Integrative Capstone: Internship in Applied Psychology 4
or PSY 797  Integrative Capstone: Project in Applied Psychology 4

Total Credits 56

Electives
Open electives are courses students will need to take in addition to their general education and major requirements in order to satisfy the remaining credit totals for their programs. Open electives are defined as any credit course offered by the College not already included in the student’s general education, major, option or minor. Students will need 120 credits total to graduate with a bachelor’s degree from the Online Division of the College of Professional Studies.

Degree Plan
This degree plan is a sample and does not reflect the impact of transfer credit or current course offerings. UNH CPS Online undergraduate students should develop individual academic plans with their academic advisor during their first year at UNH.

Sample Course Sequence

First Year
Fall
Credits
ENG 420  The Writing Process 4
PSY 410  Introduction to Psychology 4
General Education Course 4
Elective 4

Credits 16

Spring
COM 460  Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics 4
CRIT 501  Introduction to Critical Inquiry 4
MTH 402  Math for Our World 4
or MTH 504  or Statistics 4
or MTH 510  or Pre-Calculus 4
PSY 470  Child Development 4
or PSY 525  or Human Development 4

Credits 16

Second Year
Fall
BEHS 445  Homeland Security and Emergency Management 4
COM 480  Visual Communication 4
MTH 504  Statistics 4

Credits 16

Fall
Credits
PSY 530  Social Psychology 4
or SOSC 602  or Men and Women in Cross-Cultural Perspectives 4
or SOCI 601  or Society and the Individual 4
PSY 725  Cognitive Psychology 4
Elective 4

Credits 16

Spring
BEHS 665  Disaster Management 4
BEHS 675  Terrorism: Domestic and International 4
Major Elective 4
Elective 4

Credits 16

Fourth Year
Fall
Credits
IDIS 601  Interdisciplinary Seminar 4
PSY 740  Biopsychology 4
Elective 4
Elective 4

Credits 16

Spring
Credits
PSY 797  or PSY 795  Integrative Capstone: Project in Applied Psychology 4
or Integrative Capstone: Internship in Applied Psychology 4
Elective 4

Credits 8

Total Credits 120

Student Learning Outcomes
- Differentiate and critically analyze biological, developmental, cognitive, and sociocultural theories that provide an understanding of behavior and communicate this knowledge effectively.
- Use computer technology, as well as quantitative and scientific reasoning, to function as informed consumers of psychological research.
- Apply ethical principles that guide and inform the conduct of research and clinical practice.
• Assess the prescriptive and descriptive models of decision making, preparation for or mitigation of several natural and human-made disasters, and accepted best practices for preparing communities and individuals for hazards.