

# WHICH PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR/CONCENTRATION SHOULD I CHOOSE? QUICK QUIZ

**Directions:** For each of the following statements, circle "Yes" if it describes you or "No" if it does not describe you.

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| 1. | I am interested in becoming a practitioner (e.g., someone who works in an applied setting, primarily working one-on-one or in small groups with other individuals – such as a counselor, therapist, social worker, etc.) after graduating.        | YES | NO |
| 2. | I am interested in becoming a researcher, scholar, neuroscientist, and/or attending medical school after graduating.  | YES | NO |
| 3. | I would like to have more freedom in choosing the majority of my upper division psychology classes instead of being required to take specific courses such as Quantitative Methods II, Biopsychology, Advanced Research, and Abnormal Psychology. | YES | NO |
| 4. | I enjoy taking challenging math (e.g., algebra), science (e.g., chemistry, biology), and quantitative methods courses.  | YES | NO |

**If you agree more with Statement 1 (and possibly 3):**

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)**

*might be the best option for you with three concentration options:*

### **OPTION 1: NO CONCENTRATION**

This option is for students wanting to keep their career and/or graduate school options open after graduating (only option available for students in catalog years 2015-2016 and earlier).

### **OPTION 2: CHILD PSYCHOLOGY**

This concentration is for students wanting to work with children/adolescents and/or attend a graduate school program with a focus on children/adolescents (only available in catalog years 2016-2017 and beyond).

### **OPTION 3: COUNSELING CAREERS**

This concentration is for students wanting to work in a counseling-related capacity and/or attend a counseling-related graduate program (only available in catalog years 2016-2017 and beyond).

**GPA requirement for BA: minimum 2.000 major GPA**

**If you agree more with Statement 2 (and possibly 4):**

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS)**

*might be the best option for you with three concentration options:*

### **OPTION 1: NO CONCENTRATION**

The option is for students wanting to pursue a research-oriented graduate school program or career without a specific focus area.

### **OPTION 2: CHILD PSYCHOLOGY**

This concentration is for students wanting to pursue a research-oriented graduate school program or career with a focus on children/adolescents (only available in catalog years 2016-2017 and beyond).

### **OPTION 3: PRE-MEDICINE/PRE-OSTEOPATHY**

This concentration is for students who want to attend medical school.

**Note 1:** Research experience is required (prior to 2017-2018 catalog year) and highly recommended (2017-2018 catalog year and beyond) for students in the BS Child Psychology and BS No Concentration programs (see "Application of PSYC Science Area" degree requirement on GPS). Most labs require at least a 3.0-3.2 GPA. Students who feel they will not meet this requirement should switch to the BA degree. More information can be found here: <http://www.kent.edu/psychology/research-experience>.

**Note 2:** The BS degree is only offered on the Kent Campus.

**GPA requirement for BS: minimum 2.500 major GPA**

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*Important Disclaimer: If you are thinking about switching to a degree program/concentration that is only offered in a later Catalog Year, please note that your University, Kent Core, College, and Major Requirements are subject to change. Visit <http://solutions.kent.edu/GPS/ROADMAP/browse/archives> for specific degree requirements for each Catalog Year and e-mail your academic advisor with any questions before switching your Catalog Year.*