

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of all aspects of human behavior and mental processes. The major provides a general background in basic processes (learning and memory), cognitive processes, social psychology, developmental psychology, clinical/personality psychology and statistics and research design. Students are prepared for a variety of careers in social services, human resources, and business areas. It also provides the foundation for graduate study in specialized areas of psychology. Students may participate in psychology clubs and honor society activities, as well as conduct their own research with faculty mentors.

Become Career Ready ...

/ Students interact and learn from qualified faculty in small class settings.

/ Psychology graduates work in health, political and business settings, state and federal government, publishing and non-profit areas. Examples of job titles include psychological rehabilitation specialist, career/employment counselor, public relations representative, conservation officer, recreational therapist, probation/parole officer and child development specialist.

/ Beginning psychology majors take a course in career planning and development to help them explore potential careers and develop a strategy to pursue their desired career.

/ Majors in psychology participate in and develop psychological research.

/ Psychology graduates are excellently prepared for graduate study.

/ 100% of Southeast programs offer real-world experience. Psychology students gain this experience through participation in an annual Student Research Conference. Career-relevant internship opportunities are available for psychology students.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests, and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

The majority of psychology majors find employment within a year of graduation, if they choose not to pursue graduate education.

Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates

- Cottonwood Treatment Center
- Lutheran Child and Family Services
- American Red Cross
- Family Counseling Center
- Bootheel Counseling Center

Graduate Programs of Recent Graduates

- University of Iowa
- University of Michigan
- Southern Illinois University
- University of South Florida

Special Options with Psychology

This program of study is also at the Regional Campuses (Kennett and Sikeston).

Southeast also offers a Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

"Critical Courses" are **italicized and bolded**. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

Psychology Required Core Courses – Minor required

A grade of 'C' or better is required in each core course.

- ___ **PY 101 Introduction to Psychology (3)**
- ___ **PY 103 Career Development in Psychology (3)**
- ___ **PY 230 Ethics & Diversity in Psychology (3)**
- ___ **PY 271 Introduction to Behavioral Statistics (3)**
- ___ **PY 370 Research Methods in Psychology (3)**
- ___ **PY 489 Advanced Topics in Psychology (3)**

OR

- ___ **PY497 Historical Development of Psychology (3)**

Extended Core – 12 Hours

(Choose one course from each of the following four areas)

Basic/Cognitive Processes

- ___ PY 362 Learning & Memory (3)
- ___ PY 460 Cognitive Processes (3)
- ___ PY 466 Introduction to Physiological Psychology (3)

Clinical/Personality

- ___ PY 432 Introduction to Personality (3)
- ___ PY 440 Abnormal Psychology (3)

Developmental Psychology

- ___ PY 120 The Child: Development from Conception to Adolescence (3)
- ___ PY 220 Psychological Development Across the Life Span (3)
- ___ PY 222 Development of the Adolescent (3)

Social/Applied Psychology

- ___ PY 250 Applied Psychology (3)
- ___ PY 358 Social Psychology (3)

Psychology Electives – 6 Hours

(Choose 6 hours from the list below)

- ___ PY 250 Applied Psychology (3)
- ___ PY 251 Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3)
- ___ PY 301 Cross-Cultural Psychology (3)
- ___ PY 325 Psychological Development of the Family (3)
- ___ PY 329/529 Psychology of Death & Dying (3)
- ___ PY 353 Social Cognition (3)
- ___ PY 358 Social Psychology (3)
- ___ PY 359 Psychology & the Law (3)
- ___ PY 362 Learning & Memory (3)
- ___ PY 366 Introduction to Sensation & Perception (3)
- ___ PY 432 Introduction to Personality (3)
- ___ PY 440 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- ___ PY 441 Introduction to Clinical Psychology (3)
- ___ PY 442 Psychotherapy (3)
- ___ PY 444 Childhood Psychopathology (3)
- ___ PY 460 Cognitive Processes (3)
- ___ PY 466 Introduction to Physiological Psychology (3)
- ___ PY 484 Advanced Research in Psychology (3)
- ___ PY 495 Internship in Psychology (3)#
- ___ PY 525 Maturity & Aging (3)
- ___ PY 531 Psychological Testing (3)
- ___ PY 555 Health Psychology (3)

Optional Pre-Counseling track – no minor required if track is chosen:

- ___ CF 209 Introduction to Family Theories (3)
- ___ CF 402 Relationships of Commitment (3)
- ___ CF 430 Parent Child Interactions (3)
- ___ CF 520 Professional Ethics & Practice (3)
- ___ ED 535 The Trauma-Informed Professional (3)
- ___ PY 440 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- ___ PY 441 Introduction to Clinical Psychology (3)
- ___ PY 442 Psychotherapy (3)
- ___ PY 444 Childhood Psychopathology (3)
- ___ PY 495 Internship in Psychology (3)#

*Requires faculty mentor

#Requires consent of Internship Coordinator

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	PY103	3
	EN100	3	PY230	3
	PY101	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3		
	Total	16	Total	15
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				
SECOND YEAR	PY271	3	Social/Applied Category	3
	Developmental Category	3	Basic/Cognitive Processes Category	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	Total	15	Total	15
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				
THIRD YEAR	PY370	3	Clinical/Personality Category	3
	Minor/Track course	3	Psychology Elective	3
	Minor/Track course	3	Minor/Track course	3
	Elective	3	Minor/Track course	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				
FOURTH YEAR	Psychology Elective	3	PY489 or PY497	3
	Minor/Track course	3	Minor/Track course	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	2
	Total	15	Total	14
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS degree.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.