

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.

Psychology students will...

- Interact with qualified faculty in small class settings
- Be prepared for careers or graduate study
- Be able to participate in our annual Student Research Conference
- Participate in and develop psychological research
- Be able to participate in career-relevant internship opportunities

Career Planning

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

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001/CL002	First Semester	Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.
CL003	Junior Year	Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.
CL004	Senior Year	Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.

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, Malden, and Sikeston).

Bachelor of Science (BS)

This is a guide based on the 2015-2016 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 DegreeWorks 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.

- ___ ***PY102 Intro to Psychology (3)***
- ___ ***PY103 Career Development in Psychology (3)***
- ___ ***PY230 Ethics & Diversity in Psychology (3)***
- ___ ***PY271 Research Design & Analysis I (3)***
- ___ ***PY370 Research Design & Analysis II (3)***
- ___ ***PY 489 Adv 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

- ___ PY362 Learning & Memory (3)
- ___ PY460 Cognitive Processes (3)
- ___ PY466 Intro to Physiological Psychology (3)

Clinical/Personality

- ___ PY432 Intro to Personality (3)
- ___ PY440 Abnormal Psychology (3)

Developmental Psychology

- ___ PY120 The Child: Devel/Concept to Adolsc (3)
- ___ PY220 Psychological Devel Across Life Span (3)
- ___ PY222 Development of the Adolescent (3)

Social/Applied Psychology

- ___ PY250 Applied Psychology (3)
- ___ PY358 Social Psychology (3)

Psychology Electives – 6 Hours

(Choose 6 hours from the list below)

- ___ PY250 Applied Psychology (3)
- ___ PY251 Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3)
- ___ PY301 Cross-Cultural Psychology (3)
- ___ PY325 Psychological Devel of the Family (3)
- ___ PY329/529 Psychology of Death & Dying (3)
- ___ PY353 Social Cognition (3)
- ___ PY358 Social Psychology (3)
- ___ PY359 Psychology & the Law (3)
- ___ PY362 Learning & Memory (3)
- ___ PY366 Intro to Sensation & Perception (3)
- ___ PY432 Intro to Personality (3)
- ___ PY440 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- ___ PY441 Intro to Clinical Psychology (3)
- ___ PY442 Psychotherapy (3)
- ___ PY444 Childhood Psychopathology (3)
- ___ PY466 Intro to Physiological Psychology (3)
- ___ PY484 Advanced Research in Psychology (3)
- ___ PY495 Internship in Psychology (3)
- ___ PY525 Maturity & Aging (3)
- ___ PY531 Psychological Testing (3)
- ___ PY555 Health Psychology (3)

University Studies Requirements:

UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Oral Expression, Literary Expression, Living Systems, Logical Systems, Physical Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Economic Systems, Political Systems, Social Systems, two IU/UI3XXs, and one UI4XX

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	3	<i>PY102 or PY103</i>	3
	EN100	3	<i>PY230</i>	3
	<i>PY102 or PY103</i>	3	Developmental Category	3
	Artistic Expression	3	Living Systems	3
	Social Systems	3	Written Expression	3
Total	15	Total	15	
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

SECOND YEAR	<i>PY271</i>	3	Social/Applied Category	3
	Basic/Cognitive Processes	3	Dev. of a Major Civ. Category	3
	Literary Expression	3	Economic Systems	3
	Logical Systems	3	Oral Expression	3
	Political Systems	3	Physical Systems	3
Total	15	Total	15	
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

THIRD YEAR	<i>PY370</i>	3	Clinical/Personality Category	3
	Minor Course	3	Psychology Elective	3
	Minor course	3	Minor Course	3
	IU/UI3XX	3	Minor Course	3
	Elective	3	IU/UI3XX	3
Total	15	Total	15	
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

FOURTH YEAR	Psychology Elective	3	<i>PY489 or PY497</i>	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	Minor Course	3	Elective	3
	UI4XX	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15	
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

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

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies, Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS degree.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e. minimum GPA and coursework) for your program of study.