

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.

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. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship.

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

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 2018-2019 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.

- ___ ***PY102 Introduction 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 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

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

Clinical/Personality

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

Developmental Psychology

- ___ PY120 The Child: Development from Conception to Adolescence (3)
- ___ PY220 Psychological Development Across the 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 Development 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 Introduction to Sensation & Perception (3)
- ___ PY432 Introduction to Personality (3)
- ___ PY440 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- ___ PY441 Introduction to Clinical Psychology (3)
- ___ PY442 Psychotherapy (3)
- ___ PY444 Childhood Psychopathology (3)
- ___ PY466 Introduction 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 – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours
- Constitution requirement – 3 hours
- US History 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)

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>	University Studies	3
			University Studies	University Studies	3
			University Studies	University Studies	3
			University Studies	University Studies	3
	Total	15	Total	15	
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.					
SECOND YEAR	<i>PY271</i>	3	Social/Applied Category	3	
	Developmental Category	3	Basic/Cognitive Processes Category	3	
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3	
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3	
	University Studies	3	University Studies	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	
	Elective	3	Minor Course	3	
	Elective	3	Elective	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	
	Elective	3	Elective	3	
	Elective	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.

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 University Studies program, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.