

**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.

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.
Career Services, located in Academic Hall 057, provides professional career advising to guide students in their career development.		

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.

**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

**Admission Requirements**

No specific admission procedures or student qualifications beyond standard university admissions are required.

**Special Options with Psychology**

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

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This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 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****Psychology Required Core Courses – 15 Hours**

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

- \_\_\_ PY102 Intro to Psychology (3)
- \_\_\_ PY103 Career Development in Psychology (3)
- \_\_\_ PY271 Research Design & Analysis I (3)
- \_\_\_ PY370 Research Design & Analysis II (3)
- \_\_\_ PY497 Historical Development of Psychology (3)

**Extended Core – 15 Hours**

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

**Basic Processes**

- \_\_\_ PY362 Learning & Memory (3)
- \_\_\_ PY366 Intro to Sensation & Perception (3)
- \_\_\_ PY466 Intro to Physiological Psychology (3)

**Clinical/Personality**

- \_\_\_ PY432 Intro to Personality (3)
- \_\_\_ PY440 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- \_\_\_ PY441 Intro to Clinical Psychology (3)

**Cognition**

- \_\_\_ PY353 Social Cognition (3)
- \_\_\_ PY364 Comparative Cognition (3)
- \_\_\_ PY460 Cognitive Processes (3)

**Developmental Psychology**

- \_\_\_ PY120 The Child: Devel/Concept to Adolsc (3)
- \_\_\_ PY220 Psychological Devel Across Life Span (3)
- \_\_\_ PY222 Development of the Adolescent (3)
- \_\_\_ PY525 Maturity & Aging (3)

**Social/Applied Psychology**

- \_\_\_ PY250 Applied Psychology (3)
- \_\_\_ PY251 Industrial/Organizational 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)
- \_\_\_ PY364 Comparative Cognition (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)
- \_\_\_ PY460 Cognitive Processes (3)
- \_\_\_ PY465 Motivation & Emotion (3)
- \_\_\_ PY466 Intro to Physiological Psychology (3)
- \_\_\_ PY484 Advanced Research in Psychology (3)
- \_\_\_ PY495 Internship in Psychology (3)
- \_\_\_ PY521 Advanced Child Development (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, Literary Expression, Oral Expression, Written Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Logical Systems, Physical Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Economic Systems, Political Systems, Social Systems, two IU/UI3XXs, and one IU/UI4XX

**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN****Psychology**

Requirements for the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	UI100	3	PY102 or PY103	3
	EN100	3	Developmental Category (Psychology)	3
	Social Systems	3	Behavioral Systems	3
	PY102 or PY103	3	Written Expression	3
	Artistic Expression	3	Oral Expression	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	Basic Processes Category (Psychology)	3	Social/Applied Category (Psychology)	3
	PY271	3	Literary Expressions	3
	Logical Systems	3	Dev. of Major Civ.	3
	Living Systems	3	Elective	3
	Political Systems	3	Physical Systems	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	Cognition Category (Psychology)	3	Clinical/Personality Category (Psychology)	3
	PY370	3	Minor Course	3
	Economic Systems	3	Minor Course	3
	IU/UI3XX	3	IU/UI3XX	3
	Minor Course	3	Psychology Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>	Psychology Elective	3	PY497	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	Minor Course	3	Elective	3
	IU/UI4XX or IU/UI5XX	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the freshman and senior levels.

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.