Other degrees and minors offered through the Department of Psychology and Philosophy:

- Philosophy, BA
- Minor in Philosophy
- Minor in Psychology
- Minor in Applied Ethics and Critical Thinking
BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY

The psychology degree program at Sam Houston State University introduces you to the science and profession of psychology and culminates in a Bachelor of Science degree. Psychology is defined as the science of behavior and mental processes. As a discipline, psychology covers a broad field of study ranging from brain mechanisms and behavior to clinical practice. The psychology program at SHSU offers courses covering all aspects of psychology and prepares the student for a better understanding of how and why behaviors occur. This program is also designed to provide you with a well-rounded liberal arts education.

REQUIREMENTS

Students wishing to pursue a BS in psychology will take required courses that are related to all areas of psychology and at least two courses each from the Personality-Social-Development, Clinical-Adjustment, and Experimental Blocks. With this background, you will acquire knowledge of all of the various approaches psychologists use and can more easily decide on the correct career path you wish to pursue.

Since a career in psychology typically requires a graduate degree, the Bachelor of Science in psychology at SHSU is designed to prepare you to progress toward that goal. In preparation for graduate school, a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average is expected, as is successful completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). We strongly encourage all of our students to get involved in faculty members’ research programs. These opportunities will enhance your critical thinking and research skills while signifying that you are serious about psychology. Graduate schools consider this sort of training impressive, if not crucial.

POSSIBLE CAREERS FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS

- Psychotherapy
- Mental Health Services
- Law Enforcement
- Advocacy
- Case Management

SCHOLARSHIPS

Once accepted, students may apply for relevant scholarships by completing the Scholarships4Kats online application. Transfer scholarships are available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston State University.

STUDENT GROUPS

The department sponsors two student organizations for psychology majors: Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, and Psychology Club. Group activities include social gatherings and community service projects with the goal of increasing students’ understanding of psychology beyond the classroom.