

PSYCHOLOGY CORE:

Introduction to Psychology
Research Methods with Lab
Statistics with Lab
History of Psychology
6 hours Psychology Electives

COURSE BLOCKS:

Experimental Block

Physiological Psychology/Learning
Sensation & Perception / Cognition
Comparative Psychology
Psychopharmacology

Personality-Social-Developmental

Developmental / Divorce
Close Relationships/ Social Psychology
Applied Social / Personality

Clinical-Adjustment-Applied

Adjustment / Abnormal
Testing / Humanistic
Human Sexuality / Counseling
Law and Psychology

GENERAL CURRICULUM

Communication	6 hrs
Math & Computer Science	3 hrs
Natural Sciences	8 hrs
Visual & Performing Arts	3 hrs
Literature & Philosophy	3 hrs
Cultural Studies	3 hrs
Social & Behavioral Science	15 hrs
Institutional Designated Option	4 hrs
Degree Specific Requirements	17 hrs
Electives	10 hrs
Minor	18 hrs

Minimum Total Hours = 128

Advanced Hours = 42

Writing Enhanced Hours = 18

Minimum GPA = 2.0 Overall, Major & Minor

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in PSYCHOLOGY



What Can I Do with a degree in Psychology

Psychology defined is the science of behavior and mental processes. As a discipline, psychology covers a broad field including the interrelationships between the brain, environment, and behavior. Courses dealing with both the biological and social aspects of behavior are found in the curriculum.

The undergraduate degree program in psychology at Sam Houston State University introduces you to the science and profession of psychology and culminates in a Bachelor of Science Degree.

The Major requires 38 hours of coursework in psychology. An approved Minor in a field of your choice is also required. You may wish to visit with your minor department to gain information beyond that provided in the SHSU Undergraduate Catalogue.

Since a career in psychology requires graduate work, the course requirements are oriented toward admission to graduate school. The Bachelor of Science degree in psychology is a useful and interesting program of study for liberal arts students and those desiring work in such areas as human services, public relations, correctional institutions, rehabilitation facilities, program development, and research to name just a few.

IMPORTANT POINTS:

Advanced Hour Requirement:

42 semester hours in upper level course work (300 and 400 level courses) is required.

The 42 hours must include:

24 advanced hours in Residence

12 advanced hours in the Major

6 advanced hours in the Minor

Residence Requirement:

32 semester hours taken at SHSU is required for graduation.

The 32 hours must include:

12 advanced hours in the Major

6 advanced hours in the Minor

6 additional (elective) advanced hours

A total of 24 advanced hours must be taken in Residence at Sam Houston.

Writing Enhanced Requirement:

18 semester hours from writing enhanced courses are required prior to graduation.

The 18 hours must include:

3 hours – Freshman Composition I

3 hours – Freshman Composition II

6 hours – courses in the Major

6 hours – from any discipline

What about Graduate School?

There are four imperatives needed for acceptance into the graduate program:

1. Grades

Excellent grades during your undergraduate years are essential. Typically a GPA of 3.0 is the minimum requirement.

2. GRE

The Graduate Record Exam is a second consideration in graduate school. This exam has Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytic sections. A minimum score of 1000, Verbal plus Quantitative Scores, is usually required. Prepare for this exam either through books, tapes, or courses designated to help you increase your scores.

3. Research

Research is an important component. Start by taking Introduction to Research Methods. Having either presentations or publications on your resume' will enhance the likelihood of admission to graduate school.

4. Good Letters of Recommendation

One mediocre letter may damage chances for admission into graduate school. You can receive good letters by getting to know your professors, do exceptionally well in your courses and become involved in your professors research projects.