Psychology

Bachelor of Science (BS)

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.

| Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students |
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| 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: www.semo.edu/careers, provides professional career advising to guide students in their career development.

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.

Regional Campus Contacts
This program is available at the Regional Campuses (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston). For more information about the program at the Regional Campuses, please contact:

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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)
- PY210 Research Design & Analysis I (3)
- PY301 Research Design & Analysis II (3)
- PY469 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)
- Clinical/Personality
  - PY440 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- Cognition
  - PY469 Cognitive Processes (3)
- Developmental Psychology
  - PY120 The Child: Devel/Concept to Adoles (3)
  - PY222 Development of the Adolescent (3)
- Social/Applied Psychology
  - PY250 Applied Psychology (3)

**Psychology Electives – 6 Hours**
(Choose 6 hours from the list below)

- PY358 Social Psychology (3)
- PY432 Intro to Personality (3)

**University Studies Requirements:**

- UI100 First Year Seminar (3)
- EN100 English Composition (3)
- Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Oral Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Logical Systems
- Psychological Development of a Major Civilization, Economic Systems, Political Systems, Social Systems, two IU/UI3XXs, and one IU/UI4XX

Psychology major courses are offered on a set multiple year rotation. You will need to work closely with your advisor.

Minors available at Regional Campuses include:
- Agriculture
- Autism Studies
- Child Development
- Criminal Justice
- Criminology
- History

**FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

Requirements for the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin

**Fall Semester** | **Spring Semester**
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Course # | Hrs | Course # | Hrs
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UI100 | 3 | PY102 | 3
EN100 | 3 | Developmental Category (Psychology)* | 3
Social Systems | 3 | Elective | 3
PY103 | 3 | Written Expression | 3
Artistic Expression | 3 | Oral Expression | 3
Total | 15 | Total | 15

**FIRST YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR**

**THIRD YEAR**

**FOURTH YEAR**

PY358 | 3 | PY432 | 3
PY370 | 3 | Minor Course | 3
Economic Systems | 3 | Minor Course | 3
IU/UI3XX | 3 | IU/UI3XX | 3
Minor Course | 3 | PY440 | 3
Total | 15 | Total | 15

PY460 | 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
Total | 15 | Total | 15

*Also meets Behavioral Systems

**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.