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.

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**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, Malden, and Sikeston).

Southeast also offers a Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling.
## Psychology

**Bachelor of Science (BS)**

This is a guide based on the 2017-2018 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

“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)

- **PY290 Applied Psychology (3)**
- **PY251 Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3)**
- **PY301 Cross-Cultural Psychology (3)**
- **PY325 Psychological Development of the Family (3)**
- **PY329S29 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:**


If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

### SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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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), career proficiencies (CL1001-1004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

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