



UNDERGRADUATE

Psychology

School of Education, Health
and Human Behavior
Department of Psychology

SIUE

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Psychology at SIUE

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. Not only is it an interesting discipline that helps us better understand people, but it is also crucial to workplace success. Psychology is both a science that seeks to understand and explain behavior and an applied profession that seeks to alleviate psychological problems and enhance human potential.

At SIUE, undergraduate courses in psychology acquaint students with the methods used and the knowledge gained by psychologists in their continuing efforts to understand mental processes and behavior. Students majoring in psychology study basic psychological processes that include:

- Learning, cognition, and motivation
- Development of behavior, personality, and coping skills from conception through old age
- Human interaction in social settings
- Effects of physical and psychological stress upon coping skills and mental health

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
- Bachelor of Science, Psychology

What can I do with a degree in psychology?

Students earning an undergraduate degree in psychology from SIUE are well prepared to pursue a variety of public and private sector careers. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, growth among popular career choices for those majoring in psychology is expected to be strong through 2030. Job growth examples include:

- Mental health counselor (23%)
- Social and human services assistant (17%)
- Market research analyst (22%)
- Human resources specialist (10%)

For some careers, including becoming a licensed psychologist, graduate-level training is required.

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Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Psychology

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	PSYC 111 Foundations of Psychology (BSS, EH) 3 ACS 101 Public Speaking 3 ENG 101 English Composition I 3 Breadth Info & Communication Society (BICS) 3 Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3 FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE 1 Total Credits 16	PSYC 200 Careers in Psychology (SS) 3 ENG 102 English Composition II 3 Experience Global Cultures (EGC) 3 RA 101 Reasoning and Augmentation 3 Breadth Life Science (BLS) 3 Total Credits 15
Year 2	PSYC 201, PSYC 203, PSYC 204 or PSYC 205 (Developmental PSYC Course) 3 PSYC 220 Research Design & Statistics I (SS, EL) 3 Breadth Physical Science (BPS) 3 Breadth Humanities (BHUM)/United States Culture (EUSC) 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15	PSYC 206 Social Psychology (BSS) 3 PSYC 221 Research Design & Statistics II (SS, EL) 3 Elective 3 Minor 3 QR 101 or MATH 150 3 Total Credits 15
Year 3	PSYC 208 Cognitive Psychology (BSS) 3 PSYC Elective (300-400 level) 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Minor 3 Total Credits 15	PSYC Elective (300-400 level) 3 Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3 Minor 3 Minor 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15
Year 4	PSYC Elective (400 level) 3 PSYC Elective (400 level) 3 Minor 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15	PSYC 494 Capstone Seminar in Psychology 3 Minor 3 Minor 3 Elective 3 Elective 2 Total Credits 14
	Eight-Week PSYC 220 & PSYC 221 Option: Students may complete the requirements to take PSYC 220 and 221 in a single semester by opting to take both as back-to-back eight-week courses in a single 16-week fall/spring semester. Please talk to your psychology advisor about the best option for you.	Total Hours 120

Transfer Students: To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bold** course requirements pre-transfer and satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If minor requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Visit siue.edu/transfer to find course equivalency guides.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the psychology program as a major, students must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA overall at SIUE or (for transfer students) at the institution where they have earned the majority of their credits.

Graduation Requirements for Psychology Majors

- Complete all specific program requirements
- Complete all University requirements including:
 - All general education requirements
 - A minimum of 120 credit hours
 - At least 30 of which must be completed at SIUE
 - At least 60 of which must be completed at a regionally accredited four-year institution
 - A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Bachelor of Arts only: one year of the same foreign language
- File an application for graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate

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