

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Program Specific Requirements

The courses within the Psychology Program are divided into four blocks:

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PSYC 1301	Introduction To Psychology	3
PSYC 3332	History Of Psychology	3
PSYC 3401	Research Methods	4
PSYC 3402	Psychological Statistics	4
Experimental Block		
Select six hours of the following:		6
PSYC 3333	Physiological Psychology	
PSYC 3336	Sensation/Perception	
PSYC 3337	Cognition	
PSYC 3382	Comparative Psychology	
PSYC 3391	Psychopharmacology	
PSYC 4332	Learning	
PSYC 4392	Industrial/Organizational Psy	
Personality-Social-Developmental Block		
Select six hours of the following:		6
PSYC 3365	Close Relationships	
PSYC 3374	Development Psychology	
PSYC 3375	Psychopathology & Fam Dynamics	
PSYC 3381	Social Psychology	
PSYC 4331	Personality	
PSYC 4334	Applied Social Psychology	
PSYC 4374	Psychology of the Elderly	
Clinical-Adjustment Block		
Select six hours of the following:		6
PSYC 2305	Professional Psychology	
PSYC 2315	Psychology Of Adjustment	
PSYC 3307	Intro to School Psychology	
PSYC 3331	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 3334	Human Sexuality	
PSYC 3371	Humanistic Psychology	
PSYC 3383	Psychology And The Law	
PSYC 3385	Health Psychology	
PSYC 4388	Psychological Testing	
PSYC 4393	Positive Psychology	
Select six hours of Psychology		6
Total Hours		38

¹ Please note that majors must take PSYC 3401 and PSYC 3402 in the Psychology Program once the student has enrolled at Sam Houston State University, unless the course has been transferred into the program. Also, please note that, as of Fall 2009, only grades of C or above in Psychology Program courses (those with the prefix PSYC) will count toward the major in Psychology.

In order to complete a major in Psychology, a student takes 14 hours from the Required Courses plus 6 hours from each of the three remaining blocks. Six hours of elective Psychology completes the 38 semester hours required for the major.

Psychology majors choose an approved minor of 18 semester hours, 6 of which must be advanced.

Note: Students should use elective and/or minor hours to satisfy the 42 advanced-hour requirement.

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Psychology		
Core Curriculum		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics)		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
Natural Sciences		8
PHIL 3372 & PHIL 2303 & COMS 2382	Philosophy Of Science and Critical Thinking and Comm. for Bus. & Professions ¹	9
Major Core		
PSYC 1301	Introduction To Psychology ²	3
PSYC 3332	History Of Psychology	3
PSYC 3401	Research Methods	4
PSYC 3402	Psychological Statistics	4
Experimental Block		
Select six hours of the following:		6
PSYC 3333	Physiological Psychology	
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PSYC 3382	Comparative Psychology	
PSYC 3391	Psychopharmacology	
PSYC 4332	Learning	
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Personality-Social Development Block		
Select six hours of the following:		6
PSYC 3365	Close Relationships	
PSYC 3374	Development Psychology	
PSYC 3375	Psychopathology & Fam Dynamics	
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PSYC 3383	Psychology And The Law	
PSYC 4388	Psychological Testing	
PSYC 4393	Positive Psychology	

PSYC Electives	6
Minor (required)	18
Electives	8
Total Hours	120

¹ Or any COMS course.

² Satisfies both the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and the major.

First Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Component Area II	3 Component Area III	4
Component Area III	4 ENGL 1302 ¹	3
Component Area IX	1 HIST 1301 ³	3
ENGL 1301 ¹	3 POLS 2305 ⁴	3
PSYC 1301 ²	3 PSYC Block Elective ⁵	3
	14	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
HIST 1302 ³	3 Component Area IV	3
Natural Science Elective	4 Component Area IX	3
POLS 2306 ⁴	3 Natural Science Elective	4
PSYC 3402	4 PHIL 2303	3
	PSYC 3401	4
	14	17

Third Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Component Area V	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Minor Elective	3
Minor Elective	3 Minor Elective	3
PSYC Block Elective (Advanced) ⁵	3 PSYC Block Elective (Advanced) ⁵	3
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	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Elective	2 COMS 2382	3
Minor Elective	3 Minor Elective	3
Minor Elective	3 PSYC Electives	6
PHIL 3372	3 PSYC 3332	3
PSYC Block Elective (Advanced) ⁵	3	
	14	15

Total Hours: 120

¹ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communications).

² Satisfies both the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and the major.

³ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).

⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).

⁵ **Experimental Block** select 6 hours of the following: PSYC 3333, PSYC 3336, PSYC 3337, PSYC 3382, PSYC 3391, PSYC 4332, PSYC 4392

Personality-Social Development Block select 6 hours of the following: PSYC 3365, PSYC 3374, PSYC 3375, PSYC 3381, PSYC 4331, PSYC 4334, PSYC 4374

Clinical-Adjustment Block select 6 hours of the following: PSYC 2305, PSYC 3307 PSYC 2315, PSYC 3331, PSYC 3334, PSYC 3371, PSYC 3383, PSYC 3385, PSYC 4388, PSYC 4393