The question of why people and animals do what they do is a question for which scholars have long sought answers. The Psychology Program at Sam Houston State University is intended to provide a broad overview to the field of psychology that developed over the last 125 years to provide answers to this question.

The objective of the Psychology Program is to provide students with a solid background in the science and practice of psychology. In our curriculum, students will find courses dealing with the biological bases of behavior as well as the social and clinical underpinnings of behavior. This well-rounded approach will enable students to be prepared to work in a variety of areas as well as enabling them to be prepared for advanced degree programs.

Participants of 2+2 programs at community colleges are especially welcome to join our program. Additional information may be found at the Department of Psychology and Philosophy (https://www.shsu.edu/~psy_www/).

Properly selected courses may be used to satisfy degree requirements at both institutions simultaneously. The applicant is encouraged to speak to an academic advisor familiar with the programs of all institutions involved to maximize the amount of transferable credit.

The Core Curriculum (http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/) at Sam Houston State University (to be used by all incoming students as of fall 2014) contains 42 semester credit hours, encompassing nine component areas. Each component area has a minimum credit hour requirement and a selection of specific courses that may be used to satisfy the requirement. The Core Curriculum (http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/) details Sam Houston State University courses and their Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) equivalents for college transfer students which comprise SHSU’s core curriculum.

Many SHSU disciplines including the sciences, business, and education require specific courses from the SHSU core as degree specific graduation requirements. To minimize cost and time to complete degree requirements always select SHSU/transfer core courses specified as degree requirements in your intended major. If you have not decided on a major, select core courses supporting your intended area of academic concentration.

Prior to enrolling in core classes, students are encouraged to review specific degree requirements for their major. Selection of major-specified core courses reduces the total number of hours required for graduation.

If you do not see a Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) mapping a specific core course to your transfer institution, please go to Transfer Course Equivalency Guide (https://ww2.shsu.edu/regr27wp/) and select your institution from the drop-down menu. The result will list all currently mapped transfer courses from your institution to SHSU courses.