

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Science, Major in Psychology</b>		
Core Curriculum ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/</a> )		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) <sup>1</sup>		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
<b>Degree Specific Requirements</b>		
Natural Sciences		8
PHIL 3372 & PHIL 2303 & COMS 2382	Philosophy of Science and Critical Thinking and Comm. for Bus. & Professions <sup>2</sup>	9
<b>Major Core</b> <sup>3</sup>		
PSYC 1301	Introduction To Psychology <sup>4</sup>	3
PSYC 3332	History Of Psychology	3
PSYC 3401	Research Methods <sup>5</sup>	4
PSYC 3402	Psychological Statistics <sup>5</sup>	4
Experimental Block		
Select six hours of the following:		6
PSYC 3333	Physiological Psychology (Change name to Brain & Behavior)	
PSYC 3336	Sensation/Perception	
PSYC 3337	Cognition	
PSYC 3391	Psychopharmacology (Change name to Drugs & Behavior)	
PSYC 4332	Learning	
Personality-Social Development Block		
Select six hours of the following:		6
PSYC 3365	Close Relationships	
PSYC 3374	Development Psychology (Change name to Developmental Psychology)	
PSYC 3375	Psychopathology & Fam Dynamics	
PSYC 3381	Social Psychology	
PSYC 4331	Personality	
PSYC 4374	Psychology of the Elderly	
Clinical Adjustment Block		
Select six hours of the following:		6
PSYC 2315	Psychology Of Adjustment	
PSYC 3331	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 3334	Human Sexuality	
PSYC 3383	Psychology And The Law	
PSYC Electives		6
Minor (required)		18
Electives		8
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

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- 1 MATH 1332 or MATH 1369 is recommended.
- 2 Or any COMS course.
- 3 In order to complete a major in Psychology, a student takes 14 hours from the Required Courses plus 6 hours from each of the specialized blocks, and six hours of elective Psychology courses.  
Psychology majors choose an approved minor of 18 semester hours, 6 of which must be advanced.  
Students should use elective and/or minor hours to satisfy the 42 advanced-hour requirement.
- 4 Satisfies both the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and the major.
- 5 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. Only grades of C or above in Psychology Program courses (those with the prefix PSYC) will count toward the major in Psychology.

**First Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Component Area II ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3 Component Area III ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii</a> )	4
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Component Area IX ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix</a> )		1 HIST 1301 <sup>4</sup>	3
ENGL 1301 <sup>2</sup>		3 POLS 2305 <sup>5</sup>	3
PSYC 1301 <sup>3</sup>		3 PSYC Block Elective <sup>6</sup>	3
	14		16

**Second Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
HIST 1302 <sup>4</sup>		3 Component Area IV ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiiv">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiiv</a> )	3
Natural Science Elective		4 Component Area IX ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix</a> )	3
POLS 2306 <sup>5</sup>		3 Natural Science Elective	4
PSYC 3402		4 PHIL 2303	3
		PSYC 3401	4
	14		17

**Third Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Component Area V ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav</a> )		3 Elective	3
Elective		3 Minor Elective	3
Minor Elective		3 Minor Elective	3
PSYC Block Elective (Advanced) <sup>6</sup>		3 PSYC Block Elective (Advanced) <sup>6</sup>	3
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	15		15

**Fourth Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
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) <sup>6</sup>	3	
	14	15

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- <sup>4</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- <sup>5</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
- <sup>6</sup> See, below **Experimental Block** course list (select two).  
See, below **Personality-Social Development Block** course list (select two).  
See, below **Clinical-Adjustment Block** course list (select two).

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<b>Experimental Block Courses</b> <sup>6</sup>		
Select two of the following:		
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PSYC 3336	Sensation/Perception	3
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PSYC 3383	Psychology And The Law	3

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BS in Psychology is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Exhibit effective oral presentation skills.
- Gain experience working with diverse groups of people who are collaborating to achieve a common goal.
- Engage in innovative and integrative thinking and problem solving.
- Design, conduct, and interpret basic psychological research by developing creative research hypotheses and testing those hypotheses.