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Mission
The Department of Psychology and Philosophy supports the Mission Statement of the University and that of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Department is committed to providing a quality educational environment conducive to scholarship and the acquisition of knowledge and applicable skills. We recognize that this ideal requires the effective use of faculty expertise and creativity, a sensitivity to needs of university and community, as well as a genuine concern for the abilities and goals of students.

Philosophy Program
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Information: (936) 294-1510; CHSS 359

Website: Philosophy Program (http://www.shsu.edu/academics/psychology-and-philosophy/philosophy)

Highlights
• Opportunities for collaborative scholarly research.
• Texas Gamma Chapter, the local chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the National Honor Society in Philosophy offers networking opportunities with undergraduate students and faculty

Suggested Minors
• Art
• Biology
• Criminal Justice
• English
• History
• Mathematics
• Music
• Photography
• Physics
• Political Science
• Psychology
• Sociology

Career Opportunities
A Philosophy major is an excellent preparation for law school. Other careers pursued by Philosophy majors include theology, teaching, systems analysis, and medicine.

Psychology Program
Information: Contact the department at (936) 294-3552 or visit CHSS 390

Website: Psychology Program (http://www.shsu.edu/~psy_www)

Highlights
• Faculty-student collaborative research opportunities.
• Local Chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society for Psychology and the Psychology Club offer networking opportunities with undergraduate and graduate students and faculty.
• Psychology faculty publish in nationally recognized scientific journals.

Suggested Minors
• Biology
• Business Administration
• Chemistry
Career Opportunities
The Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology is a useful and interesting program of study for liberal arts students and those desiring work in such areas as human services, public relations, correctional institutions, rehabilitation facilities, program development, and research to name just a few.

- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Philosophy (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/humanities-social-sciences/psychology-philosophy/ba-philosophy)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Psychology (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/humanities-social-sciences/psychology-philosophy/bs-psychology)
- Minor in Philosophy (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/humanities-social-sciences/psychology-philosophy/minor-philosophy)
- Minor in Psychology (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/humanities-social-sciences/psychology-philosophy/minor-psychology)

Psychology
Student Organizations and Activities
- Psi Chi Chapter, the National Honor Society for Psychology, Local Chapter
- Psychology Club

Scholarships
John D. Symonds Scholarship. The fund is established in memory of Dr. John Dobie Symonds, Associate Professor of Psychology at Sam Houston State University. Dr. Symonds published and presented scholarly papers in several areas including sleep research, cross-cultural research, and social learning theory.

Please refer to the on-line Scholarships4Kats (http://www.shsu.edu/dept/financial-aid/scholarships) program for information regarding all scholarship opportunities in the Program, in the Department, and at the University.

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- Richard A. Cording Endowed Scholarship
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Philosophy
PHIL 1301. Introduction To Philosophy. 3 Hours.
A general examination of the fields and issues of philosophy as discussed by both classical and modern philosophers. Philosophical problems discussed include the existence of God, the nature of knowledge and truth, the issue of human free will, and theories of moral judgement.

PHIL 2303. Critical Thinking. 3 Hours.
Designed to improve students' ability to think critically. The course covers the fundamentals of deductive reasoning, the identification of common fallacies, and an introduction to inductive reasoning, as well as sensitizing the students to some of the ways information is distorted, e.g., by advertising and news management.
PHIL 2306. Contemporary Moral Issues. 3 Hours.
A study of major moral issues in contemporary society. Includes topics such as abortion, euthanasia, censorship, capital punishment, and other issues that confront today's society.

PHIL 2352. Introduction to Contemporary Logic. 3 Hours.
Introduces the student to the principles of ordered thought and to the terminology and rules of symbolic logic. Discusses the logic of statements and the logic of predicates, qualifiers, and identity.

PHIL 3364. Ancient & Medieval Philosophy. 3 Hours.
A survey of philosophical thought from the time of the pre-Socratics to about 1500. Includes the study of the work of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the Hellenistic schools, and medieval philosophy through the late scholastic period. The artistic, scientific, ethical, political and general cultural ramifications of the major systems of thought are noted.

PHIL 3365. Modern Philosophy. 3 Hours.
A survey of philosophical thought from about 1500 through the twentieth century. The course will examine the philosophical significance of the rise of modern science, the classical philosophies of rationalism, empiricism, the philosophy of Kant, and the development of these philosophies through the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

PHIL 3366. Aesthetics. 3 Hours.
An inquiry into the nature and meaning of art. Analysis of aesthetic experience, the relation of art to value, and an examination of aesthetic theories concerning representation, form and expression. This course satisfies 3 semester hours of the fine arts requirement for the BA degree program.

PHIL 3367. Philosophy Of Religion. 3 Hours.
An examination of the nature and meaning of religion and religious expression. Philosophical and scientific critiques of religious faith and experience are considered. The nature of faith and reason, the question of the existence and nature of God, and the relation of religion and value are typical course topics.

PHIL 3371. Existentialism& Self-Awareness. 3 Hours.
An examination of the major themes of existentialism and its impact on contemporary society. Existential works from literature, psychology, psychoanalysis, and religion are included. Examines the existential concepts of anxiety, fear, guilt, meaninglessness, death, and authentic and inauthentic existence. Taught with PSYC 3371.

PHIL 3372. Philosophy Of Science. 3 Hours.
A survey of topics in philosophy of science including the logic of explanations in the physical and social sciences, the relations of science to the realm of values, and a look at the ?mind-body problem?.

PHIL 4306. Philosophy of Biology. 3 Hours.
A seminar course investigating philosophical questions concerning the development and application of evolutionary theory. This course addresses issues relating to concepts such as adaptation, speciation, the comparative method, levels of selection, and phylogenetic reconstruction.

PHIL 4333. Bioethics. 3 Hours.
This course is a survey of bioethics. In this class students will use various ethical theories and moral principles to analyze and critically evaluate moral dilemmas in medicine. This course covers a broad range of issues including: 1) the patient-physician relationship, 2) bias in medicine, 3) health care delivery systems and 4) the ethics of research. To enhance critical thinking skills and decision making skills, students will be required to develop and defend views on given bioethical issues. Credit: 3.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

PHIL 4361. Philosophy of Psych and Mind. 3 Hours.
This course will examine a range of contemporary theories of mind and the primary objections they face. Topics may include: Mind/brain identity theory and reductionism, the nature and function of consciousness, the nature of rationality and its relation to consciousness, the possibility of machine intelligence, and the nature of mental representation.

PHIL 4363. Ethical Theories. 3 Hours.
This course will cover classical views about the foundation of ethics such as divine commands, cultural relativism, subjectivism, egoism, utilitarianism, Kantianism, and virtue ethics. Significant attention will also be given to a variety of contemporary approaches to understanding ethics.

PHIL 4371. Death And Dying. 3 Hours.
An examination of the philosophical reflections on death and dying from the literature of philosophy, psychology, theology, medicine and other contemporary sources. Course includes discussions of the nature of grief, sorrow, anxiety, fear, and suicide as related to death, and the social implications of death for the individual, family, friends, and community.

PHIL 4372. Theories Of Knowledge & Reality. 3 Hours.
This course is a study of issues concerning the basic categories of reality such as individuals and universals, time and change, mind and body. A study of issues in the theory of knowledge such as the distinction between knowledge and belief, the criteria of knowledge, and the justification of knowledge claims is also examined.
Prerequisite: 6 hours of philosophy and sophomore standing.
PHIL 4373. Phil in Film & Literature. 3 Hours.
Through carefully selected pairings of philosophical texts and films, this course seeks to establish and develop philosophical literacy by highlighting the ways in which canonical philosophical works have informed the content and structure of works of film and literature.
Prerequisite: 3 hours of philosophy and at least sophomore standing.

PHIL 4380. Seminar In Philosophy. 3 Hours.
Affords students a chance for in-depth study of a particular topic or area in philosophy not covered fully in the other course offerings and a chance for participation in a course conducted on a seminar basis. As the topics vary, the course may be repeated for credit.

PHIL 4385. Readings In Philosophy. 3 Hours.
This course is designed especially for advanced students who are capable of independent study. The particular program of study for the course must be discussed in advance with the prospective instructor.
Prerequisite: Admission to the course requires permission of the instructor.

Psychology

PSYC 1301. Introduction To Psychology. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 131); This course is designed to be a broad survey of the field of psychology covering such topics as learning, perception, personality, development, psychopathology, etc. It covers both the theoretical basis and the empirical content of these areas.

PSYC 2305. Professional Psychology. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 237); A survey is made of clinical/counseling psychology, e.g. psychopathology, diagnostic instruments, methods and techniques; individual and group psychotherapy, theories, community psychology; professional ethics of the clinical/counseling psychologist.

PSYC 2307. Intro to School Psychology. 3 Hours.
This course provides a broad overview of the field of school psychology. Students gain exposure to theory and research on topics including cognitive and social development, learning, motivation, individual differences, classroom instruction and behavior management, and standardized testing within schools.
Prerequisite: PSYC 1301.

PSYC 2315. Psychology Of Adjustment. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 289); A study is made of the dynamics of human behavior applying psychological theory to the development of the wholesome well adjusted personality. Techniques for managing stress, reducing anxiety, coping with anger, increasing assertiveness, and achieving self-control are considered.

PSYC 3133. Physiological Psychology Lab. 1 Hour.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 313); Laboratory to be taken concurrently with PSYC 3333.

PSYC 3331. Abnormal Psychology. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 331); This course includes an introduction to behavioral disorders. Biological and social factors in the development, diagnosis, and treatment of psychopathology are studied.
Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 3332. History Of Psychology. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 332); This course includes an historical survey of the scientific and philosophic antecedents of modern psychology.
Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 3333. Physiological Psychology. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 333); This course is designed to acquaint the student with the biological substrates of behavior. A study is made of the genetic, neuroanatomical, neurochemical and neurophysiological mechanisms of such psychological processes as sensation, movement, learning, memory, motivation and emotion. This course is offered primarily for psychology majors and minors but may serve as an elective for majors in biology, chemistry, and public health. Laboratory period required.
Prerequisite: 3 hours in Psychology and 4 hours in Biology or consent of instructor.

PSYC 3334. Human Sexuality. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 334); A study is made of the biological, social, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual elements of our human sexuality. Topics such as sexual health, sexual dysfunction, sexuality education, and intimate relationships are covered.

PSYC 3336. Sensation/Perception. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 336); A study is made of the sensory processes, the relationship between physical stimuli and sensory/perceptual experience, and perceptual phenomena. Topics such as pain, constancies, illusions, and psychophysics are covered.

PSYC 3337. Cognition. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 337); This course is intended to provide a broad survey of the field of cognitive psychology covering such topics as attention, memory, forgetting, consciousness, and organization/structure. It covers both the theoretical basis and empirical content of the area.

PSYC 3365. Close Relationships. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 365); This course examines the processes of close relationships, employing psychological theory and research. Topics include the nature of intimacy, attraction, communication, interdependency, love, jealousy, conflict, and loneliness.
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<td>PSYC 3371</td>
<td>Humanistic Psychology</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>Examination of the major themes of humanistic/existential psychology/philosophy and their impact on contemporary society. Works from literature, psychology, philosophy, and religion are included. Taught with PHIL 3371.</td>
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<td>PSYC 3374</td>
<td>Development Psychology</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>A study is made of the physical, mental, emotional, and social growth and development of the person across the entire life span.</td>
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<td>PSYC 3375</td>
<td>Psychopathology &amp; Fam Dynamics</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>Examination of the interactions of psychopathology and family dynamics. Topics include parenting, chronic physical illness, mood and anxiety disorders, physical and sexual abuse, and chemical dependence.</td>
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<td>PSYC 3381</td>
<td>Social Psychology</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>Examination of individual human behavior as it is influenced by cultural and social stimuli. Topics studied include interpersonal attraction, aggression, prejudice and sexism, conformity, altruism, and group behavior.</td>
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<td>PSYC 3382</td>
<td>Comparative Psychology</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>Examination of the differences in animals and how these differences can be adaptive. Specific topics include habitat selection, territoriality, predator and anti-predator behavior, reproductive behavior, and social behavior.</td>
<td>PSYC 2302 and PSYC 3301.</td>
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<td>PSYC 3383</td>
<td>Psychology And The Law</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>Examination of the interactions of psychopathology and family dynamics. Topics include parenting, chronic physical illness, mood and anxiety disorders, physical and sexual abuse, and chemical dependence.</td>
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<td>PSYC 3385</td>
<td>Health Psychology</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>Examination of the interactions of psychopathology and family dynamics. Topics include parenting, chronic physical illness, mood and anxiety disorders, physical and sexual abuse, and chemical dependence.</td>
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<td>PSYC 3391</td>
<td>Psychopharmacology</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>Examination of the interactions of psychopathology and family dynamics. Topics include parenting, chronic physical illness, mood and anxiety disorders, physical and sexual abuse, and chemical dependence.</td>
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<td>PSYC 4075</td>
<td>Problems</td>
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<td>Examination of the interactions of psychopathology and family dynamics. Topics include parenting, chronic physical illness, mood and anxiety disorders, physical and sexual abuse, and chemical dependence.</td>
<td>Approval of Program Coordinator and the instructor directing the study.</td>
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<td>PSYC 4331</td>
<td>Personality</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>Examination of the major theories of personality; the biological and social factors in the development and functioning of personality are considered.</td>
<td>6 semester hours of Psychology.</td>
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<td>PSYC 4332</td>
<td>Learning</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>Examination of the major theories of learning and their historical backgrounds; experimental procedures in the study of learning are discussed.</td>
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<td>PSYC 4333</td>
<td>Seminar In Psychology</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>Examination of the major theories of learning and their historical backgrounds; experimental procedures in the study of learning are discussed.</td>
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<td>PSYC 4334</td>
<td>Applied Social Psychology</td>
<td>3 Hours</td>
<td>Examination of the major theories of learning and their historical backgrounds; experimental procedures in the study of learning are discussed.</td>
<td>6 semester hours of Psychology.</td>
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PSYC 4374. Psychology of the Elderly. 3 Hours.
This course examines the field of developmental psychology of the elderly addressing such topics as learning, perception, personality, development, mental health issues, etc. It addresses both the theoretical basis and the empirical content of these areas.
Prerequisite: PSYC 1301.

PSYC 4388. Psychological Testing. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 488); A study is made of group and individual differences and their assessment. The student is introduced to instruments and techniques used in the measurement of intelligence, aptitudes, achievement, interest, attitudes, and other dimensions of personality and behavior.
Prerequisite: 9 hours in Psychology including PSYC 1301 and PSYC 3301.

PSYC 4391. Divorce: Psychological Impact. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 491); A comprehensive investigation is made of psychological, legal, moral, religious, and cultural variables related to cause, process, and adjustment to divorce is made. Emphasis is placed on the impact of divorce on the individual.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

PSYC 4392. Industrial/Organizational Psy. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 492); This course provides an integration of psychological principles as applied to industrial/organizational milieu. The focus is on the application of research methodology, psychological assessment, personality, and organizational theories to the work environment. Specifically, research related to the application of psychological theory related to personnel, work environment, organizational, and pertinent legal issues will be considered.
Prerequisite: PSYC 1301 or PSYC 2315.

PSYC 4393. Positive Psychology. 3 Hours.
(SH Prior Course ID: PSY 493); This course will focus on the scientific understanding of healthy human processes of positive emotions, character strengths, traits, and virtues (such as courage, gratitude, hope, optimism, self-regulation, spirituality, and wisdom). Assessment methods and intervention applications in diverse settings (e.g., education, health, corporate and organizational leadership, and clinical psychology) will be covered.
Prerequisite: 6 hours in Psychology.

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