

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Psychology		
Core Curriculum (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹		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 Science Electives		8
COMS 2382	Communication for Business & the Professions ²	3
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking ³	3
PHIL 3372	Philosophy of Science	3
Major: Foundation ⁴		
PSYC 1301	Introduction To Psychology ³	3
PSYC 3332	History Of Psychology	3
PSYC 3401	Research Methods ⁵	4
PSYC 3402	Psychological Statistics ⁵	4
Major: Prescribed Electives		
Experimental Block		
Select six hours of the following:		6
PSYC 3333	Physiological Psychology	
PSYC 3336	Sensation/Perception	
PSYC 3337	Cognition	
PSYC 3391	Psychopharmacology	
PSYC 4332	Learning	
Personality-Social Development Block		
Select six hours of the following:		6
PSYC 3365	Close Relationships	
PSYC 3374	Development Psychology	
PSYC 3375	Psychopathology and Family Dynamics	
PSYC 3381	Social Psychology	
PSYC 4331	Personality	
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 3385	Health Psychology	
PSYC Electives ⁴		6
Electives: General		
General Electives		5

Minor: Required ^{4,6}

Minor	18
Total Hours	120

- ¹ MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.
- ² Or any COMS course. If COMS 2382 is used to satisfy Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX, additional hours will be needed to satisfy the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.
- ³ If PSYC 1301 or PHIL 2303 is used to satisfy Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences), additional hours will be needed to satisfy the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.
- ⁴ 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. Students make take *Philosophy of Psychology and Mind* (PHIL 4361; three credits) toward meeting the Psychology elective requirement.
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.
- 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.
- ⁶ The following minor cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Psychology.

Notes

Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework.

Students must meet a 2.0 minimum overall major GPA in all major coursework.

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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. The following minor cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Psychology.

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

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii) ¹		3 Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 ENGL 1302 ²	3
Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		3 HSTY 1301 ⁴	3
ENGL 1301 ²		3 POLS 2305 ⁵	3
PSYC 1301 ³		3 PSYC 3332	3

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		1 Component Area IV (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv)	3
HSTY 1302 ⁴		3 Natural Science Electives	4
Natural Science Electives		4 PHIL 2303 ³	3
POLS 2306 ⁵		3 PSYC 3401 ⁶	4
PSYC 3402 ⁶		4	
		15	14

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area V (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)		3 General Electives	5
Component Area VIII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)		3 Minor ⁷	3
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Prescribed Electives ⁸		3 Prescribed Electives ⁸	3
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		15	17

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Minor ⁷		6 COMS 2382 ⁹	3
PHIL 3372		3 Minor ⁷	3
Prescribed Electives ⁸		3 PSYC Electives	6
		Prescribed Electives ⁸	3
		12	15

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² Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communications).

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⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).

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⁸ Prescribed Electives include the following PSYC Elective Blocks:

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).

⁹ Or any COMS course. If COMS 2382 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=COMS%202382>) is used to satisfy Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX, additional hours will be needed to satisfy the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.

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Personality-Social Development Block Courses ⁸

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PSYC 3374	Development Psychology	3
PSYC 3375	Psychopathology and Family Dynamics	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.