
Bachelor of Arts in **Psychology**

The program in psychology leads to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree. Psychology is the scientific study of individual and group behavior. The psychology program stresses theoretical understanding of the principles of psychology, as well as practical applications to the solution of human problems.

The program has three tracks: mental health, social-industrial psychology, and general experimental.

- The mental health track is designed to provide students with a broad perspective on the adjustments, both healthy and unhealthy, to problems faced throughout the lifespan. The courses cover specific issues in mental health, vocational and rehabilitation psychology and health psychology. Students will be exposed to models of health and illness, as well as to psychological assessment and treatment techniques.
- The social-industrial track emphasizes the application of psychological principles to understanding human behavior. The student in this track will receive training in diverse areas, such as, psychological analysis of social issues, understanding and controlling aggression, personnel selection, leadership, and psychological testing.
- The general experimental psychology track is designed to give students a broad background in scientific psychology. We cannot simply look within, or introspect, to understand the mind; the mind yields its secrets only to experiment. The emphasis of this track will be on understanding how experimental evidence allows psychologists to uncover these hidden rules. The courses suggested for this track deal with the fundamental processes of the mind.

Graduates in psychology find employment in the areas of health, mental health, human services, social work, mental retardation, counseling, personnel administration, education, allied health fields and business. They also go on to graduate study or allied fields.

Psychology Club

There is also an active Psychology Club open to all psychology students. The club sponsors lectures and discussion on current topics in psychology, graduate schools and relevant employment. Alumni return frequently and describe their work or graduate school experiences.

Psychology Laboratory

Since psychology is an empirical discipline, the psychology program has a laboratory to support its research courses. The psychology laboratory has 20 experimental stations, each equipped with a desk-top computer to conduct experiments. The program also provides a laboratory with an observation room for clinical and social interaction courses. These laboratory facilities substantially enhance the quality of the psychology program and the scientific education of students enrolled in it.

Degree Requirements Overview

To earn a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in psychology, a student must fulfill the following requirements:

- Satisfactory completion of at least 124 semester hours of college-level work distributed as follows:
 - A. General Education Requirements 54 credits
 - B. Program Requirements 40 credits
 - C. General Electives 30 credits**Total 124 credits**
- Satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester hours of upper division college work at least 30 of which must be taken at SUNYIT.
- No more than 30 semester hours in professional courses outside the arts and sciences.
- Achievement of at least 2.00 cumulative quality point average in coursework taken at SUNYIT.
- A grade of "C" or higher required in all core courses (PSY 305, 310, 385, 493) and statistics for a degree in psychology.



B.A. Degree Requirements

I. General Education (54 credits)

Mathematics (MAT 111 or equivalent)	3-4
Natural Sciences	
Lab Science	3-4
Other Science	3-4
Social Sciences (ANT, ECO, GOG, POS, SOC, STS)	9-12
American History	3-4
Western Civilization	3-4
Other World Civilizations	3-4
Humanities	3-4
The Arts	3-4
Foreign Language	3-4
Basic Communication	3-4
Upper Division Writing	4
Statistics (Intro Statistics)	3-4
Arts & Science Electives (balance of remaining credits)	

II. Program Requirements (38-44 credits)

All majors, regardless of the track they choose, will be required to complete the following core courses:

A. Core Courses

**A grade of C or better is required of Psychology majors in these core courses.*

PSY 100	Principles of Psychology
PSY 405	History and Systems of Psychology
STA 100	Statistics
PSY 310	Research Methods
PSY 385	Evaluation Research
PAY 493	Senior Seminar

B. Track Selection

All majors will be required to complete one of the following tracks. They must take at least two intermediate electives and two advanced electives from the track that they select. They must also take at least one psychology elective outside their selected track. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for the selected track.

Mental Health Track*

Intermediate

PSY 216	Child and Adolescent Development
PSY 218	Adult Development and Aging
PSY 222	Abnormal Psychology
PSY 273	Dying/Death and Bereavement
PSY 325	Psychology of Gender
PSY 326	Treatment of the Exceptional Individual
PSY 331	Psychology of Personality
PSY 377	Health Psychology

Advanced

PSY 445	Group Dynamics and Interpersonal Communication
PSY 460	Neuropsychology
PSY 470	Psychological Testing
PSY 477	Principles of Psychological Counseling
PSY 492	Practicum

Social-Industrial Track**

Intermediate

PSY 242	Social Psychology
PSY 262	Learning and Motivation
PSY 331	Personality
PSY 352	Industrial and Organizational Psychology
PSY 390	Engineering Psychology & Human Performance

Advanced

PSY 415	Human Aggression and Nonviolence
PSY 444	Applied Social Psychology
PSY 445	Group Dynamics & Interpersonal Communication
PSY 470	Psychological Testing
PSY 490	Special Topics
PSY 492	Practicum

C. General Experimental Track***

Intermediate

PSY 242	Social Psychology
PSY 262	Learning and Motivation
PSY 360	Perception
PSY 390	Engineering Psychology & Human Performance

Advanced

PSY 415	Human Aggression and Nonviolence
PSY 425	Cognitive Psychology
PSY 460	Neuropsychology
PSY 492	Practicum

* Students wishing to devise their own individual track may do so in conjunction with an advisor.

** It is suggested that students opting for the social-industrial track take two Management courses: Organizational Behavior (MGT 307), Human Resource Management (MGT 318), Organizational Development (MGT 406), and Consumer Behavior (MKT 465).

*** It is suggested that students opting for the general experimental track take Genetics (BIO 302) and Evolution (BIO 310)

III. General Electives (30 credits)

College-level courses in any discipline which carry SUNYIT or transferable credit. See (2) and (3) under Degree Requirements for the psychology program.

124 Total Credits