
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.

Psi Chi Honor Society

Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, recognizes outstanding academic achievement and promotes active student involvement in the field of psychology. The SUNYIT chapter of Psi Chi received its charter in 1984. A program in psychology must meet high standards in academic requirements and faculty qualifications in order to qualify for a Psi Chi charter. Students with outstanding academic records and demonstrated commitment to psychology are eligible for membership.

Psi Chi Lecture

Since 1993, our Psi Chi Chapter has sponsored a lecture series. A distinguished psychologist of national repute is invited every year to our campus to share his/her research and expertise. Therefore, our psychology students get an opportunity to meet eminent scholars in the field. The following are some of the psychologists and physicians who have delivered the Psi Chi Lecture:

- Dr. Florence L. Denmark**, Former President of American Psychological Association
- Dr. Robert J. Sternberg**, Yale University
- Dr. Duane M. Rumbaugh**, Georgia State University
- Dr. Stephen J. Ceci**, Cornell University
- Dr. John M. Darley**, Princeton University
- Dr. Jill M. Hooley**, Harvard University
- Dr. Daryl Bem**, Cornell University
- Dr. Milton E. Strauss**, Case Western Reserve University
- Dr. J. Richard Hackman**, Harvard University
- Dr. Michael Posner**, University of Oregon
- Dr. Shepard Siegel**, McMaster University, Ontario
- Dr. Sam Tsemberis**, Founder and Executive Director of Pathways to Housing in New York City
- Dr. Wendy Williams**, Professor, Human Development Department, Cornell
- Dr. Robert Anda, M.D.**, Senior Scientific Consultant to the Centers for Disease Control

Psychology Club

There is also an very 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 ten 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

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 <u>credits</u>
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.

Group I—General Education Requirements (54 credits)

	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 (to total 54)	

Group II—Program Requirements (38-44 credits)

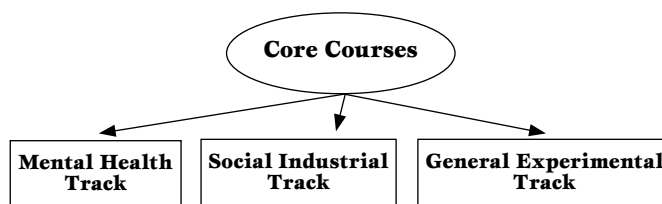
- All majors, regardless of the track they choose, will be required to complete the following core courses:

Core Courses*

- Psy 101: Principles of Psychology
- Psy 305: History and Systems of Psychology (4 credits)
- Sta 100: Statistics (4 credits)
- Psy 310: Research Methods (4 credits)
- Psy 385: Evaluation Research (4 credits)
- Pay 493: Senior Seminar (4 credits)

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

- 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
- A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for the selected track.



Mental Health Track^A

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 xxx Vocational & Rehabilitation Psychology
- Psy 492 Practicum

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

Social-Industrial Track^B

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

General Experimental Track^C*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 xxx Cognitive Development

Psy 492 Practicum

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^B 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),

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

Group 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.

Psychology Minor

See academic minor section.

