

PSYCHOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students are required to maintain a minimum Psychology GPA of 2.0 in order to retain a declared major. Students are required to earn a grade of C or higher in Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 105) in order to take all other Psychology courses. Students are required to earn a grade of C or higher in Psychological Science I: Research Methods (PSYC 231) and Psychological Science II: Statistical Applications (PSYC 232) in order to progress in the program. Each course can only be repeated once.

Program Learning Outcomes

- **Theory and Content of Psychology:** Students should be familiar with the major theoretical approaches, findings, and historical trends in psychology. (UG2)
- **Methodology:** Students should understand and be able to use major research methods in psychology, including design, data analysis, and interpretation. (UG3 & UG4)
- **Critical Thinking, Logic, and Problem-Solving:** Students should use and respect skeptical inquiry, critical thinking, and the scientific approach to understanding behavior. (UG3 & UG4)
- **Information Competence, Technology, and Computers:** Students should demonstrate information competence and the ability to use computers and other technology for multiple purposes. (UG10)
- **Communication Skills:** Students should be able to express themselves effectively in written and oral communication. (UG1)
- **Application of Psychology:** Students should have an understanding of applications of psychology to personal, social, and organizational issues. (UG5, UG8, UG9)

RELATED LINKS

Psychology, BA Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/psychology/>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensure/>)

CURRICULUM GUIDE

GPA REQUIREMENT

Major GPA: 2.0 or higher

Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher

SUMMARY*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies 2 Requirements	42
	Modern Language Requirement	0-9
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	Major Requirements	36-40
	Electives	42

* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits. Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

ROCK STUDIES 2 REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics I	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15
Integrated Inquiry		
<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
<i>Physical Science Inquiry</i>		
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Subtotal		15
Thematic Thread		
Select 12 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) ²		12
Total Hours		42

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

² One course from each category; six credits must be 300-level or above; no more than 4 credits from one subject area; specific courses required in first major, regardless of prefix of course, cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements; any course with same prefix as first major cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements, even if it is not a course in the first major.

BA Modern Language Requirement

BA degree requires language proficiency at the 103 class level. Exemption by placement or examination is possible.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 0-9 credits		0-9
Total Hours		0-9

Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	
Total Hours		0-3

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- 18 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 18 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above
- Students who do not meet minimum standards will be dismissed from the program. All dismissals are permanent.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses (Grade of 'C' or higher required) ¹		
Required Courses may only be repeated once.		
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 231	Psychological Science I: Research Methods	3
PSYC 232	Psychological Science II: Statistical Applications	3
Subtotal		9
Core Electives ¹		
Select five of the following:		15-17
PSYC 244	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 276	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 303	Learning	
or PSYC 475	Behavior Modification	
PSYC 306	Introduction to Psychological Testing	
PSYC 311	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	
PSYC 338	Cognitive Psychology	
PSYC 360	History of Psychology	
PSYC 377	Social Psychology	
Subtotal		15-17
Psychology Electives ¹		
Select four electives from the following:		12-14
Psychology Electives (p. 2)		
Total Hours		36-40

¹ Courses count for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Psychology Electives¹

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 205	Environmental Psychology	3
PSYC 208	Personality	3
PSYC 233	Sensation & Perception	3
PSYC 240	Human Sexual Behavior	3
PSYC 244	Developmental Psychology	3

PSYC 276	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 289	Positive Psychology	3
PSYC 300	Psychology of Women, Gender and Culture	3
PSYC 302	Psychology of Criminal Behavior	3
PSYC 303	Learning	4
PSYC 304	Theories of Counseling	3
PSYC 306	Introduction to Psychological Testing	3
PSYC 310	Introduction to Industrial-Organizational Psychology	3
PSYC 311	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	4
PSYC 315	Psychology of Sexual and Gender Diversity	3
PSYC 318	Psychopathology of Childhood and Adolescence	3
PSYC 320	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	3
PSYC 321	Drugs and Behavior	3
PSYC 334	Health Psychology	3
PSYC 338	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC 350	Contemporary Topics in Psychological Science ²	1
PSYC 360	History of Psychology	3
PSYC 364	Child and Adolescent Development	3
PSYC 365	Psychology of Aging	3
PSYC 375	Psychopathology of Adulthood	3
PSYC 377	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 392	Cross Cultural Psychology	3
PSYC 415	Multicultural Identity Development	3
PSYC 428	Social and Emotional Development Across the Lifespan	3
PSYC 430	Research Practicum in Psychology	3
PSYC 435	Resilience Across the Lifespan	3
PSYC 445	Infant and Child Cognition	3
PSYC 449	Seminar in Psychology	3
PSYC 450	Field Placement Internship in Psychology & PSYC 485	9
PSYC 471	Psychopharmacology	3
PSYC 473	Hormones and Behavior	3
PSYC 475	Behavior Modification	3
PSYC 476	Clinical Neuroscience	3
PSYC 477	Developmental Neuroscience	3
PSYC 490	Independent Study	3

¹ Courses count for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA

² Course may be repeated for a total of 2 credits

ELECTIVES

Code	Title	Hours
LIBR 110	Introduction to Library & Information Resources (Required)	1

WRITING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Hours
Writing in Psychology #1		
Writing in Psychology #2		

Writing in Psychology #3

Writing in Psychology #4

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Students are encouraged to explore additional curricular and co-curricular opportunities. There is a strong correlation between long-term student success and participation in the following types of programs and activities:

1. International Study Programs
2. High-Impact Practice (HIP) designated classes
3. Student-faculty research
4. Student leadership (Psi Chi, Psychology Club, Reflections Body Image Organization, Nu Rho Psi, Neuro Rocks)
5. Service-learning classes
6. Career education planning (Office of Career Education and Development)
7. Internships
8. Volunteering in local human services and mental health agencies
9. Job shadowing Volunteering

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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RECOMMENDED FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FIRST Seminar *	1
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics I	3
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
LIBR 110	Introduction to Library & Information Resources	1
Hours		14
Spring		
PSYC 231	Psychological Science I: Research Methods	3
PSYC Core Elective #1		3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
SCI 101	Science of Life	3

Humanities OR Social Science OR Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)	3
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Hours **15**

Second Year

Fall

PSYC 232	Psychological Science II: Statistical Applications	3
PSYC Core Elective #2		3
Civil Discourse Requirement - select one		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Modern Language #1		3
Declare a Thematic Thread ²		

Hours **15**

Spring

PSYC Core Elective #3		3
Humanities OR Social Science OR Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Modern Language #2		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Humanities OR Social Science OR Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3

Hours **15**

Third Year

Fall

PSYC Core Elective #4		3
PSYC Elective #1		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Modern Language #3		3
Free Elective		3

Hours **15**

Spring

PSYC Core Elective #5		3
PSYC Elective #2		3
PSYC Elective #3		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		1

Hours **16**

Fourth Year

Fall

PSYC Elective #4		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3

Free Elective	3
Hours	15
Spring	
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Hours	15
Total Hours**	120

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² Work with your Academic Adviser to declare a Thematic Thread by the end of your fall semester in your second year.

* Students are encouraged to take ESAP 101 as a Free Elective.

*** This document is meant to serve as a guide. Some planners may show more than 120 credits because faculty have created flexibility in choosing courses. However, only 120 credits are required to obtain a degree. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.*

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