PSYCHOLOGY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) / PRE-COUNSELING (SRU) (3+3)

Psychology 3+3 Pre-Counseling is an accelerated program that prepares you to enter graduate school to become a licensed Counselor, working in a variety of counseling settings, including community mental health centers, college counseling centers, and others.

Earn a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in six years rather than seven. This program is unique because it offers a strong basis in the biopsychosocial processes of human functioning. You will receive personal attention and gain insightful knowledge through activities both inside and outside of the classroom. Our goal is not only to prepare you for a future career, but also to enhance your personal, academic, and professional growth, so you can go on to promote the well-being of others.

At the end of your second year, you apply for admission to the SRU Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. If accepted, your first year in the SRU Clinical Mental Health Counseling program meets the remaining requirements for your undergraduate degree. If not accepted, you continue to complete your undergraduate degree and can reapply to the program. The accelerated option can be declared up to the semester when the student will earn 45 credits.

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)

Academic Policies for Students in the Psychology Pre-Counseling 3+3 Program

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. Per university policy, students may retake any given class up to *two* times in order to bring up their grade, and the university allows up to *six* repeats total (https://catalog.sru.edu/academic-policies/repeat-of-courses/).

Related Links

Psychology - Pre-Counseling, BS Program Page (https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/psychology-pre-counseling-33/)

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