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The Psychology Pre-Physician Assistant program provides a base of scientific knowledge and skills for understanding human behavior and functioning, while also preparing students for careers as physician assistants. Student learn foundations of psychological processes, including interpersonal, developmental, cognitive, and emotional, with an emphasis on the neurobiological bases of behavior. The program includes coursework that will prepare students to apply to Master of Physician Assistant Studies programs at SRU.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. **Knowledge Base in Psychology:** Students should demonstrate fundamental knowledge and comprehension in the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and empirical findings to discuss how psychological principles are applied. a. UG 2: Apply critical thinking to argument and problem solving, b. UG 3: Develop Scientific Literacy
2. **Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking:** The skills in this domain involve the development of scientific reasoning and problem-solving, including effective research methods. a. UG 2: Apply critical thinking to argument and problem solving, b. UG 3: Develop Scientific Literacy, c. UG 4: Apply quantitative reasoning in appropriate contexts
3. **Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World:** The skills in this domain involve the development of ethically and socially responsible behaviors for professional and personal settings in a landscape that involves increasing diversity. a. UG 9: Develop a worldview that acknowledges diversity and global independence
4. **Writing Competency:** Students should demonstrate competence in writing skills. a. UG 1: Act as effective communicators
5. **Professional Development:** Students should be able to express themselves effectively in written and oral communication. a. UG 5: Develop as a whole person, b. UG 7: Become civically engaged, c. UG 8: Act ethically

What are your options?

Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2: Earn a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies in five years rather than six. In the first three years, you complete your major courses and prerequisites for the SRU PA program. At the end of your second year, you apply for admission into the SRU PA program. If accepted, your first year in the SRU PA 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 is for incoming freshmen only.

Pre-Physician Assistant (SRU Traditional): Complete the requirements for your major and the prerequisites for the SRU PA program and apply to the SRU PA program in your senior year.

Academic Policies for Students in the psychology pre-physician assistant (3+2) Program

Students are required to maintain a minimum Psychology GPA of 3.25 Overall and 2.5 in Psychology 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-Physician Assistant, BS Program Page (https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/psychology-pre-physician-assistant/)

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