



Psychology



Psychology at St. Bonaventure

Psychology provides a framework for evaluating human and animal behavior, personality, group behavior, and mental illness to name just a few areas. The Department of Psychology offers a major that prepares students for a range of careers, from applied fields such as clinical and school psychology to business and graduate school. We teach psychology as a behavioral science and to thus encourage students to use the skills of a scientist to ask and answer their own questions and approach problems with an empirical mind. The major is flexible enough to allow a student to obtain a minor or even a second major. Nonmajors may obtain a minor in psychology. An overview of our department follows. For more information, visit <http://www.sbu.edu/psychology>.

What Our Graduates Are Doing

Graduates of our department work as behavioral scientists, clinician/counselors, guidance counselors, campus recruiters, teachers, and in criminology, business, and law. This is only a partial list of the careers that a graduate might pursue with a psychology degree.

Recent SBU psychology **graduates have received fellowships** or assistantships enabling them to work toward graduate degrees at Johns Hopkins University, Penn State, Marquette University, California School of Professional Psychology, Marymount University, John Jay School of Criminal Justice, Louisiana State University, Ithaca College, University of Rochester, University at Buffalo, William and Mary, and University of Chicago, to name just a few.

Student Activities

The Department of Psychology sponsors a student chapter of the Psychology Club, which is open to

any person interested in psychology. In the past several years, the Psychology Club (in concert with Psi Chi – see below) has hosted social events, speakers on topics such as eating disorders and graduate school, trips to psychiatric hospitals, fundraisers, and other psychologically oriented activities. The Department of Psychology also sponsors the St. Bonaventure Chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. Induction into Psi Chi is based on academic merit and a commitment to the field of psychology.

Student/Faculty Research

Students have the opportunity to assist faculty in ongoing research projects and also to do independent research with the aid of a faculty mentor. These experiences aid the student in further developing scientific skills that help students to gain admittance to graduate school. **Students frequently present their research at regional, national, and international conferences**, such as the American Psychological Association, American Psychological Society, Eastern Psychological Association, and Animal Behavior Society.

Psychology Faculty

Our faculty consists of devoted teachers and researchers committed to excellent psychological instruction and advising. Faculty members have distinguished themselves through published research, refereeing professional journals, serving as professional consultants, writing text books, and presenting research at regional and national conferences.

Advisement

A psychology major is assigned a psychology faculty adviser who is the student's ally, assisting in creating class schedules, selecting electives, choosing (perhaps) a minor, and planning a career.



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Research, Classroom, & Office Facilities

The Department of Psychology is located in suite 100 of De La Roche Hall, the cornerstone of the university's historic core. Additionally, the department has classroom and extended research spaces, which are designed to facilitate student-faculty collaboration.

These areas include state-of-the-art classrooms, animal research facilities, as well as cognition, health, personality, social, and group dynamics laboratories.

Requirements

A student majoring in psychology is required to take psychology courses that are grounded in the social sciences (social/personality/developmental psychology courses; SPD) and the natural sciences (cognitive/biological/health psychology courses; CBH).

In addition, students are required to complete core courses in research methods and statistics and practical psychological research, which serve to emphasize psychology as a behavioral science.

Students have many choices within the psychology degree. They can choose either a BA or BS degree and within the degree they can focus on animal behavior and ethology; clinical psychology; learning and memory, or social psychology.

For students interested in applied areas of psychology such as clinical, counseling, guidance counseling, community psychology, or social work, our program offers the opportunity of a fieldwork experience in the junior or senior year.

B.A. in Psychology:

	Credits
Psychology 101, 201, 202, Capstone.....	12
Three SPD psychology electives.....	9
Two CBH psychology electives.....	6
Psychology elective.....	6
Cognate courses.....	7
Foreign Language*.....	3
Core Curriculum.....	36
Electives.....	<u>41</u>
	120

B.S. in Psychology:

	Credits
Psychology 101, 201, 202, Capstone.....	12
Three SPD psychology electives.....	9
Three CBH psychology electives.....	9
Psychology elective.....	6
Cognate courses.....	15/16
Foreign Language*.....	3
Core Curriculum.....	36
Electives.....	<u>29/30</u>
	120

** The three credits must be at the 202 level or above. Students not prepared to begin at the 202 level must take additional language courses, which count as general electives.*

For More Information

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