

B.A. Major in Psychology

- The B.A. Major in Psychology requires **31 credit hours**.
- A **minimum of 15 credits** (including PSY 2050 and one Capstone course) must be taken from the department.
- There are no requirements to declare for students new to SLU. Declaration of the psychology major *after* admission to SLU requires a C or better in PSY 1010 General Psychology and a SLU PSY GPA of 2.00 or better.
- A grade of C or better in PSY 1010 General Psychology and a SLU PSY GPA of 2.00 or better are required to remain a psychology major. Students who fall short may remain on probation for 2 semesters.
- Upon declaration, all new majors must meet with Dr. Kinnucan to review the curriculum, their professional goals, and departmental opportunities. A permanent faculty mentor is selected at this meeting. Requests to change faculty mentors should be emailed to psychug@slu.edu.

Getting Started (7 credits)

These courses should be taken early in the major. They are best taken *before* completion of the sophomore year.

_____ **PSY 1010 General Psychology (3)**

_____ **PSY 2050 Foundations of Research Methods & Statistics (4)**

Includes designated lab section for each course section.

Meeting Your Area Requirements (12 credits)

Area requirements ensure students learn about the broad areas of psychology. Courses at the 3000 level provide general overviews of topics whereas 4000 level courses are more in-depth topical seminars and/or provide professional skill development. Special topics courses (PSY 4710, 4720, 4730, 4750) typically vary semester to semester.

At least one course from each topical area must be completed.

_____ **Cognitive Neuroscience:** PSY 3100-3190;
PSY 4100-4190; and 4710 topical seminars

_____ **Developmental Psychology:** PSY 3200-3290;
PSY 4200-4290; and 4720 topical seminars

_____ **Social/Personality:** PSY 3300-3390;
PSY 4300-4390; and 4750 topical seminars

_____ **Applied Psychology:** PSY 3400-3490;
PSY 4400-4490; and 4730 topical seminars

Psychology Electives (8-9 credits)

Students must complete additional credit hours in any 3000 or 4000 level courses in psychology to complete the 31 credit requirement for the B.A. Major in Psychology. These can include PSY 3930-01 Disciplines and Practices in Psychology, PSY 4790 Regular Practicum, or PSY 4800 Research Experience for students who seek to enhance their readiness for graduate school in psychology and or entry into the workforce.

• Attendance at **Mentoring Matters in Psychology is required** for all Psychology Majors during their first and second years as a psychology major. Each year, students participate in a 90-minute Mentoring Matters session scheduled during February. Learn more about your courses, the faculty, careers in psychology, and ways to make the most of your major while you are in college. Contact psychug@slu.edu with questions.

• **All psychology majors are required to meet with their faculty mentor** each semester. A formal mentoring period begins directly **after fall break and spring break**, when faculty mentors schedule extra time to meet with mentees. Faculty are also available to meet throughout each semester during their office hours.

• **Transfer and Study Abroad** credit approvals and questions should be directed to the Director of the Undergraduate Studies Program (Dr. Kuebli, kueblje@slu.edu).

• **For more information**, write us at psychug@slu.edu or call 314-977-2285.

(Credits)

Elective 1 _____ ()

Elective 2 _____ ()

Elective 3 _____ ()

Psychology Capstone Requirement (3-4 credits)

Psychology capstone courses can be taken after completion of at least 15 credit hours in psychology. To ensure timely graduation, students are encouraged to satisfy their capstone requirement *before* their final semester of study and as early as second semester junior year. Choose ONE of the capstone options below. Additional capstone courses may be completed as psychology electives.

Capstone Options include:

- **PSY 4010 Advanced Research Methods & Statistics (4)**

Includes designated lab section(s) for each course section. Offered Spring semester only. Pre-requisite: PSY 3060. PSY 3060 and PSY 4010 are a year-long sequence. PSY 4010 must be completed in the spring semester following PSY 3060 in the fall semester.

- **PSY 4870 Capstone Practicum Project (3)**

Offered Spring semester and occasionally during Fall semester. Permission of instructor required.

- **PSY 4880 Capstone Research Project (3)**

Offered Fall semester. Permission of instructor required.

- **PSY 4900 Critical Thinking about Psychology (3)**

Offered in both Fall and Spring semesters.

_____ **Capstone requirement**

Psychology Major Co-curricular Requirements

_____ **Mentoring Matters (first-year majors)**

_____ **Mentoring Matters (second-year majors)**

_____ **Senior Requirements (graduating majors)**