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.

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- 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 prior to the 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 typically vary semester to semester and include PSY 4710, 4720, 4730, 4750.

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 4740 topical seminars

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

Psychology Electives (8-9 credits)
Student 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 Research 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 (PSY 1930 and PSY 2930) is required for all Psychology Majors who are freshman and sophomores. This 0-credit “course” meets one time in 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.

• 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.

Psychology Capstone Requirement (3-4 credits)
To ensure timely graduation, students are encouraged to satisfy their capstone requirement before their final semester of study. Choose ONE of the capstone options below. Additional capstone courses may be completed as psychology electives.

___ 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 in Fall semester. Permission of instructor required.

___ PSY 4900 Critical Thinking about Psychology (3)
Offered in both Fall and Spring semesters.

Mentoring Matters and Senior Residency 0-credit Requirements
___ PSY 1950 Mentoring Matters (first-year majors)
___ PSY 2950 Mentoring Matters (sophomore majors)
___ PSY 4950 Senior Residency
Enrollment in PSY 4950 during your final semester is required for graduation. No actual class attendance is required; however satisfaction of PSY 4950 includes completion of Graduating Psychology Majors Survey and other assessments as announced.