

## B.S. Major in Psychology

- The B.S. Major in Psychology requires **36 credit hours**.
- **A minimum of 18 credits** must be taken from the department, including PSY 2010 Disciplines & Practices in Psychology, PSY 2050, PSY 3060, and PSY 4010 for which transfer credit is not accepted.
- 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, a **B- or better in PSY 2050**, 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](mailto:psychug@slu.edu).

### Getting Started (6 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 2010 Disciplines & Practices in Psychology (3)**

Should be taken before PSY 3060. Formerly 3930-01.

### Building Research Intensive Knowledge & Skills (12 credits)

Psychologists are fundamentally scientists. This 3-course sequence builds research-related knowledge and skills that are essential to students planning academic, research, and applied careers as psychological scientists. All of the courses here include designated lab sections.

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

Offered fall and spring semesters. Best taken *before* junior year. A grade of B- or better is required.

\_\_\_\_\_ **PSY 3060 Applications of Research Methods & Statistics (4).**

Offered fall semester only. Best taken after completion of 15 credits in psychology (including PSY 2010 Disciplines & Practices and PSY 2050) and during *junior* year.

\_\_\_\_\_ **PSY 4010 Advanced Statistics & Research Methods (4)**

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.

### 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.

- Attendance at **Mentoring Matters in Psychology is required** for all Psychology Majors during their first and second year as a psychology major. Each year, students participate in a 90-minute Mentoring Matters session scheduled 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, [janet.kuebli@health.slu.edu](mailto:janet.kuebli@health.slu.edu)).

- **For more information,** write us at [psychug@slu.edu](mailto:psychug@slu.edu) or call 314-977-2285.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **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 (6 credits)**

Students must complete additional credit hours in 3000 and 4000 level courses in psychology to order to complete the 36 credit requirement for the B.S. Major in Psychology. Electives can include capstones (i.e., PSY 4870, PSY 4880, PSY 4900) or PSY 4790 Regular Practicum or PSY 4800 Research Experience which all enhance skill-related readiness for graduate school in psychology. However, at least **one course must be a non-capstone 4000 level course.**

	(Credits)
Elective 1 _____	(     )
Elective 2 _____	(     )

**Psychology Major Co-curricular Requirements**

Mentoring Matters in Psychology is an annual event in February hosted by the Department. Students should attend two sessions, one each in their first and second years as a psychology major, to satisfy the requirement for graduation with a B.S. in psychology.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Mentoring Matters (first-year majors)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Mentoring Matters (second-year majors)**