

# Psychology

## Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

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### Why Should I Major in Psychology at Seton Hall?

Psychology is a very broad field, overlapping the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. Therefore, the psychology major at Seton Hall offers a three-pronged approach. As a science, it teaches the experimental method and statistical techniques. As pre-professional training, it prepares students for application of knowledge and skills with individuals and groups. As a general liberal arts degree, it has application to a wide range of endeavors profiting from the understanding of human behavior. Majors receive a sound background for graduate study in psychology and in other professional and scientific fields (such as medicine and law). A Bachelor of Arts in Psychology is versatile. It will open many career avenues for you.

A new five-year Bachelor of Arts in Psychology/Master of Arts in Education (M.A.E.) in Psychological Studies (offered by the College of Education and Human Services) is available to qualified students.

### The Curriculum:

As a psychology major at Seton Hall University, you will study how heredity and environment interact to influence individual behavior. The program will give you (1) exposure to all areas of psychology, including physiological psychology, abnormal psychology, child psychology, and drug and alcohol abuse; and (2) the opportunity to obtain hands-on research opportunities in our state-of-the-art computer, human research, animal learning and behavioral neuroscience laboratories.

The new dual-degree (3+2) program allows students to take four graduate courses (12 credits) in the Psychological Studies Program in their senior year.

### What Does It Take to Graduate?

In addition to meeting the requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences core curriculum, degree candidates must complete a minimum of 45 credits in psychology, of which 30 are required. Two semesters of biology and one of mathematics are also required as part of the core course requirements. Through the advising process, individual programs are tailored to the students' interests and objectives.

### Career Opportunities:

Internship and career opportunities for those with a bachelor's degree in psychology may be obtained through our practicum courses. The Department of Psychology places students at more than 200 sites in New Jersey, including clinics, hospitals, court houses, mental health centers, counseling, community centers and schools. Many students work with exceptional, gifted or abused children, while others work with the elderly or adolescents.

A practicum will permit you to gain hands-on experience in an area you wish to pursue: case work, crisis intervention, group therapy, individual counseling and serving as a teacher's aide. Many students have found employment through their experiences in the practicum, and many start career networking within their practicum placement. Your adviser will assist you in determining the best placement for you.

A bachelor's degree in psychology is an excellent foundation for graduate school. Opportunities for continued studies include research-oriented programs such as experimental psychology, learning and cognition, behavioral neuroscience and applied programs, such as clinical, counseling, school, industrial/organizational and forensic psychology.

### How Do I Apply for Admission?

Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the \$55 non-refundable application fee (\$45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at [admissions.shu.edu](http://admissions.shu.edu).

### Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit [admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm](http://admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm) or call (973) 761-9332.

## Psychology Requirements:

### Core Curriculum Requirements\*

- A. English Language (6 credits)
- B. Communication (3 credits)
- C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites) — MATH 1202
- D1. Natural Sciences (6 credits) — BIOL 1105-1106
- D2. Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
- E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American Civilization/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
- F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
- G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

\* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

### Psychology Major (includes 45 hours):

*Required courses (17 credits):*

- PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology
- PSYC 1311 Using Computers in Psychology
- PSYC 2311 Elementary Psychological Statistics (4 credits)
- PSYC 3311 Research Methods (4 credits)
- PSYC 5111 Seminar in Psychology

*Two of the following courses (6 credits):*

- PSYC 2211 Personality Concepts
- PSYC 2212 Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 2214 Abnormal Psychology
- PSYC 2216 Social Psychology

*Two of the following courses (one with laboratory; 7 credits):*

- PSYC 3213 Perception
- PSYC 3215 Learning
- PSYC 3216 Motivation and Emotion
- PSYC 3217 Physiological Psychology
- PSYC 3234 Cognitive Processes

Electives (15 credits)

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### Psychology Minor (18-19 hours):

*Required Course (3 credits)*

- PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology

*Developmental Course (3 credits)*

- PSYC 1212 Child Psychology
- PSYC 1213 Adolescent Psychology
- PSYC 1214 Adult Development
- PSYC 2212 Developmental Psychology

*Social Science Course (3 credits)*

- PSYC 1211 Psychology of Adjustment
- PSYC 2211 Personality Concepts
- PSYC 2214 Abnormal Psychology
- PSYC 2216 Social Psychology

*Natural Science Course (3 or 4 credits)*

- PSYC 3213 Perception
- PSYC 3215 Learning
- PSYC 3216 Motivation and Emotion
- PSYC 3217 Physiological Psychology
- PSYC 3234 Cognitive Processes

*Electives (6 credits)*

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### Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

**For more information**, call an admissions counselor at **1-800-THE-HALL**, send an e-mail to [thehall@shu.edu](mailto:thehall@shu.edu) or visit [admissions.shu.edu](http://admissions.shu.edu). To talk to a faculty adviser, contact Jeffrey C. Levy, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Psychology at (973) 761-9484 or [psych@shu.edu](mailto:psych@shu.edu). Web site: [arts.shu.edu/psychology](http://arts.shu.edu/psychology)