

PSYCHOLOGY, MINOR

Saint Louis University's minor in psychology enriches students' academic experiences with the science behind human behavior. Coursework highlights how our behaviors depend on biological factors, developmental status, cognitive processes and social conditions.

Exposure to psychological science in the minor enhances SLU students' abilities to critically evaluate behavioral science and understand human behaviors and interactions encountered in their professional and personal lives. A minor in psychology complements all major programs due to the relevance of understanding human behavior in all fields. Its application is most apparent within fields related to human behaviors, such as:

- Business
- Communication
- Education
- Health care
- Law
- Public health
- Political science
- Social work and other fields involving the delivery of human services
- Sociology and areas of studies associated with social and cultural identities

Program Highlights

- Recognized experts and researchers in the field teach courses delivered through SLU's minor in psychology program.
- Students pursuing a minor in psychology at SLU experience a flexible curriculum. Aside from the general psychology requirement, students can choose from courses under four areas of breadth and an additional advanced elective, allowing for a curriculum tailored to their interests.
- To optimize their experiences, all SLU psychology minors are assigned a faculty mentor.

Requirements

Students must complete a minimum total of **18 credits** for the minor.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PSY 1010	General Psychology	3
Required Breadth Courses		
Select a minimum of one course in each of the four areas below:		12
<i>Cognitive Neuroscience</i>		
Select 3 credit hours with the "PSY Cog Neuro Cluster" attribute, such as:		
PSY 3100	Brain, Mind, & Society	
PSY 3120	Cognitive Psychology	
<i>Developmental Psychology</i>		
Select 3 credit hours with the "PSY Dev Cluster" attribute, such as:		
PSY 3210	Developmental Psych: Child	
PSY 3230	Developmental Psychology: Adolescence	
<i>Social & Organizational Psychology</i>		

Select 3 credit hours with the "PSY Soc Org Cluster" attribute, such as:		
PSY 3300	Social Psychology	
PSY 3410	Organizational Psychology	
<i>Mental Health and Wellbeing in Applied Contexts</i>		
Select 3 credit hours with the "PSY Health Applied Cluster" attribute, such as:		
PSY 3450	Counseling for the Helping Professions	
PSY 3460	Abnormal Psychology	
Psychology Elective Course		3
Select 3 credits of advanced elective courses in Psychology, such as: ¹		
PSY 4340	African American Psychology	
PSY 4480	Psychology and Law	
Total Credits		18

¹ Excluding PSY 4910 Internship (1-6 cr), PSY 4800 Undergraduate Research (1-6 cr), PSY 4840 Advanced Research Methodology and Statistics (0,4 cr), PSY 4965 Capstone Practicum Project (3 cr), PSY 4967 Capstone Research Project (3 cr), or PSY 4969 Critical Thinking About Psychology (3 cr).

Continuation Standards

To continue as a psychology minor, students must earn a C or better in PSY 1010 General Psychology (3 cr) and maintain a SLU psychology GPA of 2.00.

Minors are not required to meet with a psychology faculty mentor but are welcome to do so. The formal mentoring period typically begins after fall break and spring break.

Madrid

The minor in psychology complements many of the majors offered at SLU-Madrid. In addition to gaining general knowledge of psychology, students explore topics in cognitive neuroscience, developmental psychology, personality/social psychology and applied psychology. Find out more about the psychology programs (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/psychology/#programstext>).

Curriculum Overview

The minor in psychology requires 18 credit hours of coursework. See Requirements for more details.

Required Courses

- PSY 1010 General Psychology (3 cr)

Required Breadth Courses

Select a minimum of one course in each of the following areas:

- Cognitive Neuroscience: 3 credit hours with the "PSY Cog Neuro Cluster" attribute.
- Developmental Psychology: 3 credit hours with the "PSY Dev Cluster" attribute.
- Social & Organizational Psychology: 3 credit hours with the "PSY Soc Org Cluster" attribute.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing in Applied Contexts: 3 credit hours with the "PSY Health Applied Cluster" attribute.

Psychology Elective Course

Select 3 credit hours of advanced elective courses in psychology.

Contact Us

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