

Psychology

Objectives for Psychology Majors

The Psychology degree is designed to prepare the student with basic foundations, concepts, theories and skills in psychology interfaced with a biblically-based spiritual perspective in order to prepare them to function effectively in multivariate paraprofessional fields as well as gain entrance into graduate professional psychology programs and ministry related vocational fields.

Knowledge - Students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate competency in the general education core of the curriculum.
2. Demonstrate competency in the knowledge of Scripture and general theological terms and concepts.
3. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments of Pentecostal history and explain the distinctive of Pentecostal doctrine.
4. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments in church history and discuss their significance for the contemporary church.
5. Write a philosophy of ministry in keeping with a Biblical view of the Church and its mission.
6. Take an exam for credentials for ministry related to their chosen field of service that results in a passing score.

Attitudes - Students should be able to:

1. Subscribe to a high view of the authority and inspiration of Scripture.
2. Acknowledge the Lordship of Christ over their personal lives and ministries and the fellowship of the Church.
3. Relate a personal commitment to the Church, its varied ministries and its mission within contemporary culture.
4. Accept the challenges and opportunities of ministry within their chosen major after leaving college.
5. Report a refined and deepened sense of calling in keeping with a defined awareness of giftedness.
6. Report a deepened appreciation for the demands of ministry and leadership in the Church.

Pre-professional skills - Students should be able to:

1. Integrate the knowledge and principles of psychology into a biblical world view.
2. Articulate a proper relationship between psychology and Christian faith.
3. Demonstrate academic competence in preparation for advanced study related to this field.
4. Successfully apply knowledge and techniques of psychology in supervised field experiences.

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GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 61 Hours

General Education: 17 hours

COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech
 ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
 ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II

3 hours from the following:

ENG 2233 American Literature I
 ENG 2243 American Literature II
 ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature

GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success
 GES 1173 Computer Applications

Psychology/Social Studies: 9 hours

GOV 2213 National and State Government
 3 hours from HIS 1000 - 2000 level, or
 with approval from History Dept. 3000-4000 level

PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Science/Mathematics: 7 hours

BIO 1113 Biological Science and BIO 1111 Lab
 3 hours from the following:

MTH 1113 College Mathematics
 MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
 2 hours from activity courses without duplication: PED 1101-PED 2291

General Biblical Studies: 24 hours

BIB/REL 1113 Survey of the New Testament
 BIB/REL 1123 Survey of the Old Testament
 BIB 2123 The Mission of the Church
 BIB 2213 Bible Study
 CMN 2213 Foundations of Church Ministries
 REL 2113 Authentic Christianity
 THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
 THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

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Upon completion of this program students should be able to:

1. Articulate biblical presuppositions that will inform and shape the understanding of psychology.
2. Discuss the basic foundations, concepts and theories of psychology.
3. Explain a biblically based integrative model of psychology.
4. Function effectively in multivariate paraprofessional fields requiring psychological perspectives.
5. Demonstrate an appropriate level of undergraduate preparation for graduate programs in clinical psychology and counseling psychology as well as other psychology and ministry related fields and vocations.

Psychology (Pre-professional) *continued***MAJOR STUDIES 57 Hours**

COU 2283 Introduction to Counseling and Social Work Practice I
 PSY 1113 Psychology of Selfhood and the Christian Faith
 PSY 2323 Developmental Psychology
 PSY 2413 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
 PSY 2423 Cultural Issues in the Helping Professions
 PSY 3313 Abnormal Psychology
 PSY 3333 Theories of Personality
 PSY 3443 Crisis Intervention and Management
 PSY 3453 Social Psychology
 PSY 3463 Theories and Principles of Learning
 PSY 4113 History and Systems of Psychology
 PSY 4213 Introduction to Clinical Psychology
 PSY 4313 Behavioral Science Research
 PSY 4333 Introduction to Psychological Tests and Measurements
 PSY 4343 Introduction to Biopsychology
 PSY 4433 Psychology of Religion
 PSY 4483 Human Sexuality
 PSY 4513 Special Issues in the Behavioral Sciences
 PSY 4583 Field Practicum

GENERAL ELECTIVES 9 Hours**TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 127 Hours****Additional Program Stipulations**

1. All full-time students are to include one Bible, theology, or religion course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
2. First-year students enrolled full-time are to include GES 1122 in their first semester schedule.
3. First-year students are to enroll in activity physical education courses each of their first two semesters at SAGU. Exceptions will be granted only with approval of the College Dean.
4. Veterans with at least 6 months of service may apply for and receive 4 hours of credit for physical education. Contact the Registrar's Office.