

# PSYCHOLOGY (PRE-PROFESSIONAL)

## OBJECTIVES FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS

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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 58 Hours

### General Education: 14 hours

COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication

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

### Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

GOV 2213 National and State Government

HIS 1113 American History I

PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

### Natural 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 1143 The Church in Mission

BIB 2213 Bible Study

CMN 2213 Foundations of Church Ministries

REL 1133 Authentic Christianity

REL 1153 New Testament Literature

REL 1163 Old Testament Literature

THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics

THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

## Upon completion of this program, students will:

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

## **Psychology (Pre-Professional) *continued***

### **MAJOR STUDIES 57 Hours**

COU 2123 Introduction to Counseling  
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 4523 Advanced General Psychology  
PSY 4583 Field Practicum

### **GENERAL ELECTIVES 12 Hours**

### **TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 127 Hours**

related fields and vocations.

### **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.