PSYCHOLOGY, B.A. - M.A. ACCELERATED PATHWAY

The B.A. in Psychology (Concentration: B.A. to M.A. Accelerated Pathway) provides high-achieving students with the opportunity to complete foundational graduate coursework during their senior year of undergraduate study in order to accelerate graduate degree completion. This competitive program allows admitted students the opportunity to complete their bachelor’s degree and the M.A. in Psychology (Concentration: Accelerated Pathway) in five years at Southern Connecticut State University.

The program outline and graduation requirements are listed below. In addition, free electives are selected to reach 120 credits overall and a 3.0 cumulative GPA is required for graduation.

The department website provides an overview of the program, admission requirements (when applicable), faculty biographies, learning outcomes, and careers: https://www.southerncst.edu/academics/psychology/programs

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All bachelor’s degree programs include liberal education (LEP) and writing (W) course requirements. To review more detailed information regarding these requirements, please visit Degree Requirements >> General Education (LEP) Requirements. Courses in the major and/or cognate may also be used to satisfy LEP requirements where noted below (*).

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (47 Credits)

'C' or better required in all PSY courses, except in PSY 100.

Psychology Requirements (41 Credits)

Survey of Field and Program (4 credits)
Take two required courses:
PSY 100 – Introduction to Psychology (T2MB)*
PSY 300 – The Psychology Major: Curriculum and Careers

Scientific Inquiry (7 credits)
Take two required courses:
PSY 259 – Statistics in Psychology
PSY 393 – Research Methods in Psychology

Individual and Social System (3 credits)
Choose one of:
PSY 227 – Social Psychology
PSY 228 – Personality Development (3 credits)
Choose one of:
PSY 210 – Infant and Child Development
PSY 215 – Adolescent Development
PSY 219 – Lifespan Development
PSY 315 – Adulthood and Aging
PSY 318 – Emotional and Social Development
PSY 322 – Early Developmental Disability

Applied (3 credits)
Choose one of:
PSY 220 – Introduction to the Mental Health Field
PSY 320 Abnormal Child Psychology
PSY 321 Abnormal Psychology
PSY 361 – Psychology of the Workplace
PSY 366 – Health Psychology
PSY 370/371 – Educational Psychology/For Early Education Majors

Basic Processes (6 credits)
Choose two of:
PSY 303 – Perception
PSY 311 – Learning
PSY 313 – Cognition
PSY 332 – Human Emotions
PSY 383 – Brain and Behavior

Seminars and Advanced Scientific Inquiry (6 credits)
Choose two of:
PSY 401 – History and Systems of Psychology
PSY 406 – Language
PSY 412 – Psychology of Gender
PSY 414 – Psychology of Spirituality
PSY 415 – Topics in Development
PSY 427 – Seminar in Close Relationships
PSY 431 – Tests and Measurements
PSY 461 – Data Gathering Techniques: Assessment
PSY 462 – Data Gathering Techniques: Instrumentation
PSY 465 – Seminar in Psychological Counseling and Therapy
PSY 466 – Clinical Psychology
PSY 474 – Seminar in Behavior Theory and Practice
PSY 484 – Comparative Animal Behavior
PSY 487 – Psychopharmacology
PSY 490 – Seminar for Psychology Majors
PSY 492 – Psychology and Law
PSY 494 – Seminar in the Human Nervous System and Behavior

PSY Major Elective I (3 credits)
Choose one of:
PSY 197 or any PSY course at the 200- or 300-level

PSY Major Elective II (6 credits)
Choose two of:
Any PSY courses at the 300- or 400-level, excluding PSY 471, 472, 473

Accelerated Pathway Requirements (6 Credits)
Graduate courses require a grade of 'C' or higher
PSY 500 - Design and Analysis in Psychology
PSY 589 - Thesis Seminar