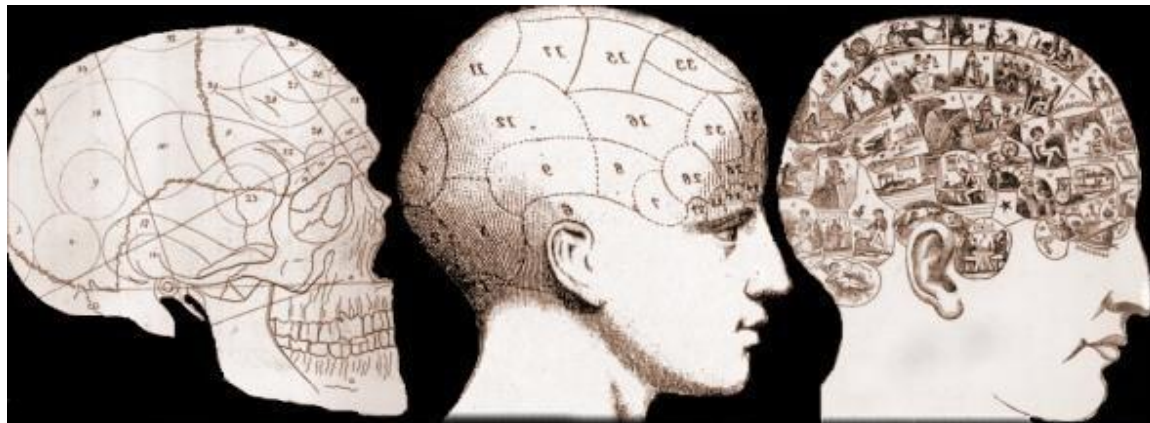


Welcome to Psychology at Salem State University



What is Psychology?

- Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes (cognitions and emotions).
- Psychology is often divided into seven foundational areas:
 - Abnormal
 - Biological
 - Cognitive
 - Developmental
 - Learning
 - Personality
 - Social



Why Psychology at Salem State?

- Small classes
- Direct contact with professors, not teaching assistants
- Opportunities for research and internships
- Opportunities to present research on campus or at professional conferences
- Speaker series bringing noted psychologists to campus
- Campus chapter of Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology
- One of most popular majors at Salem State University

Psychology at Salem State will...

- expose you to the range of specialties in psychology.
- provide you with opportunities to explore those specialties in depth.
- engage you in a senior experience that integrates the different facets of psychology.
- provide you with a solid grounding in scientific psychological inquiry methods with opportunities to carry out your own research.
- provide you the benefits of a liberal arts education: an understanding of the world we live in; knowledge of where we have been, where we are, and where we are going; and a feeling for the human condition.

Entry-Level Jobs of Psychology Majors with Business Minors

advertising trainee	insurance agent	personnel worker/administrator
executive assistant	job analyst	public information officer
advertising agent	loan officer	public relations
airline reservations clerk	management trainee	sales representative
claims specialist	marketing rep	small business owner
customer relations	marketing researcher	store manager
employee counselor	media buyer	staff training/development
employment counselor	occupational analyst	warehouse manager

Source: <http://www.psywww.com/careers/entry.htm>

Entry-Level Jobs of Psychology Majors with SWK/CRJ/SOC Minors

behavior analyst	director of volunteer services	probation/parole officer
case worker	drug/substance abuse counselor	program manager
child protection worker	employment counselor	rehabilitation advisor
corrections officer	family service worker	residential youth counselor
counselor aide	group home coordinator	social service director
day care center supervisor	mental retardation unit manager	veterans' advisor

Entry-Level Jobs of Psychology Majors with a Variety of Minors

affirmative action
officer

community relations
officer

hospital patient service
representative

child care worker

congressional aide

newspaper reporter

college admissions
counselor

director of alumni
relations (college)

park and recreation
director

college admissions
recruiter

director of fund raising
(college)

statistical assistant

community
recreation worker

fast food restaurant
manager

technical writer

Degree Levels in Psychology

- Bachelor's
 - B. Arts
 - B. Science
- Master's
 - M. Arts
 - M. Science
- Doctoral
 - Ph.D.
 - Psy.D.



Salem State University Undergraduate Psychology Degrees

- All students need 120 credits to graduate from SSU
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) requirements
 - 34 credits in psychology
 - a minor program
 - two years of a foreign language
- Bachelor of Science (BS) requirements
 - 40 credits in psychology
 - more math and science courses
 - an optional minor program



Salem State University Graduate Psychology Degrees

- Master of Science Degree in Counseling & Psychological Services, with concentrations in:
 - Marriage & Family Counseling
 - Mental Health Counseling
 - Rehabilitation Counseling
- Master of Science Degree in & Organizational
 - Human Resources
 - Organizational Development



University Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree

- Full year of laboratory science (in Biology)
- Full year of English Composition
- Full year of Literature
- Full year of World History
- Courses in Ethics, Health & Wellness and Public Speaking
- Courses focusing on diversity, quantitative reasoning, and advanced writing

General Structure of the Psychology Major Program of Study

- Level 1: introductory courses on psychology, its methods and its tools
- Level 2: foundation courses in several major subfields of psychology
- Level 3: intermediate/advanced courses that build on foundation courses, taught at a more sophisticated level
- Level 4: independent courses in which students work at an advanced level, individually or in small groups, under the guidance of a faculty member

Psychology Degree Requirements: Level 1

- General Psychology (PSY 101): Units on foundational areas and other areas
- A two-course sequence in research methods and statistics (PSY 203/204)
 - Grounding in statistics and the scientific method
 - Design and implementation of student-generated research project (cell phones in the arcade, agitation in nursing home patients, falling in public, talking to rats, impulsivity and timing)

Psychology Degree Requirements: Level 2

Division A: choose 2

- Biological Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Introduction to Learning

Division B: choose 2

- Abnormal Psychology
- Personality Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Child Growth, Adolescent Psychology, or Childhood & Adolescence

Psychology Degree Requirements: Level 3

- BA students choose 3, BS students choose 4 of the following electives:
 - Psychology of Women
 - Sensation and Perception
 - Adulthood and Old Age
 - Psychology and the Law
 - Psychology of Language
 - Cognitive Neuropsychology
 - Learning and Behavior Change
 - Clinical Psychology
 - Environmental Psychology
 - Evolutionary Psychology
 - Industrial/Organizational Psychology
 - Psychology of the African-American



Psychology Degree Requirement: Level 4 (One Course Required)

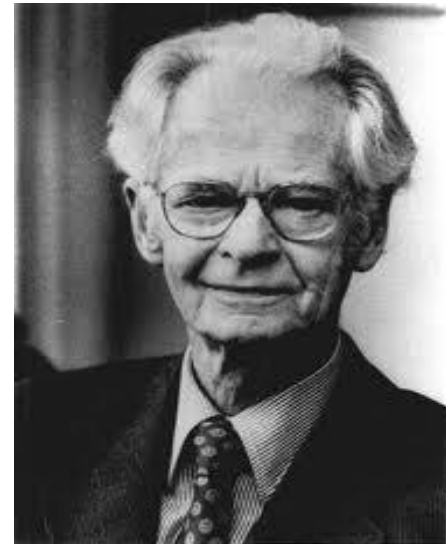
- Level 4 courses:
 - advanced research course in social psychology, developmental psychology or animal learning
 - advanced seminars in a variety of topics
- Level 4 one-on-one projects with a faculty sponsor:
 - directed study projects on a topic of the student's choice
 - directed research project of a student's choice
 - Internship at a local community setting
 - Honors thesis research
 - Examples: Effects of Media on Children, Psychology of Social Class, Happiness, Research on Animal Learning, Interaction between Task Difficulty and Shaping Behavior

Psychology Faculty at Salem State University

- 15 full-time faculty, all with doctoral degrees
 - All students are assigned to a full-time faculty member for academic advising.
 - Full-time faculty teach the majority of courses for majors.
- 12 part-time faculty, most with doctoral degrees and experience as practitioners in psychological fields
- All faculty are experts in their area of specialization in psychology.
- All faculty have a strong commitment to teaching and working with students.

Psychology Department Facilities

- Recent renovations with new classrooms and offices
- Computer laboratory to support student research
- Research space for student research use
- Animal learning laboratory
- On-line and hybrid courses
- Conference room for seminars
small group meetings



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For More Information

- See our website:
 - <http://www.salemstate.edu/psychology/>
- Phone: (978) 542 – 6354
- American Psychological Association
 - <http://www.apa.org/>

