

PSYCHOLOGY

About the Department

Division of Health and Behavioral Sciences Faculty (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-applied-natural-sciences/faculty-staff?d=Health%20and%20Behavioral%20Sciences>)

College of Applied and Natural Sciences Website (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-applied-natural-sciences>)

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Psychology majors are rigorous, yet flexible programs designed to meet the American Psychological Association Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology major while also fulfilling SPU's mission to provide students with a transformative and holistic experience grounded in Christian faith.

As such, these programs prepare you with extensive knowledge of the field; scientific and critical thinking skills; an awareness of diversity, ethics in practice, and social responsibility; effective oral and written communication skills; and professional-level training and experiences (e.g., research and internship opportunities) for both careers and graduate school in psychology.

Majors

- Neuroscience (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/neuroscience-bs/>)
- Psychology: Animal Behavior Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-ba-animal-behavior-track/>)
- Psychology: Animal Behavior Track (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-bs-animal-behavior-track/>)
- Psychology: Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Track (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-bs-behavioral-cognitive-neuroscience-track/>)
- Psychology: Clinical-Counseling Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-ba-clinical-counseling-track/>)
- Psychology: Community Psychology & Behavioral Health Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-ba-community-behavioral-health-track/>)
- Psychology: Cross-Cultural Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-ba-cross-cultural-track/>)
- Psychology: Data Analytics Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-ba-data-analytics-track/>)
- Psychology: Developmental Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-ba-developmental-track/>)
- Psychology: Psychological Science Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-ba-psychological-science-track/>)
- Psychology: Psychological Science Track (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-bs-psychological-science-track/>)
- Psychology: Social-Personality Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-ba-social-personality-track/>)
- Psychology: Sports Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-ba-sports-track/>)

Minors

- Psychology Minor (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cans-health-behavioral-science/psychology/psychology-minor/>)

Program Learning Outcomes

The Psychology curriculum follows the American Psychological Guidelines for the undergraduate Psychology major. These guidelines offer five learning goals summarized below and easily remembered by the acronym: GOALS.

- Grow in knowledge.
- Obtain scientific inquiry and critical thinking skills.
- Adopt ethical and socially responsible values that are sensitive to diversity.
- Learn to communicate effectively.
- Succeed with professional-level skills that transfer to the workplace.

These learning outcomes map onto a trajectory through the major that grounds students in the science of psychology while adopting guild recommendations that identify psychology as a workforce major in as much as it is a graduate study preparatory major.