

# SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY

## About the School

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Faculty, staff, and students in the School of Psychology, Family, and Community strive to become a community of learners who are:

- Guided by faith. Exploring the implications of vital expressions of Christian faith for the human condition, and for fostering emotional and relational healing and health.
- Rooted in academic discipline. Fostering rigorous and creative learning environments, and contributing primary scholarship to the scientific study of psychological and social processes.
- Committed to service. Nurturing creative partnerships with our local community and beyond in order to serve in, and learn from, socially and culturally diverse settings.

## Our Mission

We seek to:

- Provide students with solid academic and experiential grounding in the theory, research, and practice of the field of psychology.
- Prepare and inspire motivated and able students to enter and contribute to the field of psychology.
- Nurture students toward valuing themselves and others as persons of worth created in God's image.
- Empower students to act in this world. That is, actively celebrating God's human and non-human creation, showing mercy and compassion to the vulnerable, and challenging, and changing aspects of society that deny or denigrate persons.

## Majors

- Psychology: Animal Behavior Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-animal-behavior-track/>)
- Psychology: Animal Behavior Track (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-bs-animal-behavior-track/>)
- Psychology: Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Track (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-bs-behavioral-cognitive-neuroscience-track/>)
- Psychology: Clinical-Counseling Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-clinical-counseling-track/>)
- Psychology: Community Psychology & Behavioral Health Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/>)

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- Psychology: Cross-Cultural Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-cross-cultural-track/>)
- Psychology: Data Analytics Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-data-analytics-track/>)
- Psychology: Developmental Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-developmental-track/>)
- Psychology: Psychological Science Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-psychological-science-track/>)
- Psychology: Psychological Science Track (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-bs-psychological-science-track/>)
- Psychology: Social-Personality Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-social-personality-track/>)
- Psychology: Sports Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-sports-track/>)

## Minors

- Psychology Minor (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/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.