



## DEGREE PLANNING GUIDE FOR PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology at St. Edward's University is taught as a behavioral science with focus on human beings as unique individuals who function both alone and as members of society. The approach to the study of psychology is scientific and humanistic. The goals of the department are to encourage students to develop into articulate, sensitive, responsible, competent persons with a breadth of interests and an awareness of community responsibility. To achieve this aim students engage in a strong academic preparation along with practical experience. A unique aspect of the program is the opportunity to apply theoretical material in concrete situations throughout the college career. Emphasis on solid academic foundation, flexibility according to current insights and new discoveries, and independent research by the students stimulates development of potential to meet the challenges of life and to handle realities of contemporary society. Graduates are knowledgeable of facts and prepared to study in graduate programs and/or to enter the world of employment. The former have included further study in psychology, medicine, business, social work, special education, research, and vocational rehabilitation; the latter has attracted persons interested in education, child care, sales, criminal justice, personnel, therapeutic settings, social services, and recreational leadership. The success, adjustment and satisfaction of any psychology graduate depends in large measure on the individual's interest and personal involvement in the academic program. Majors are also encouraged to participate in Psi Chi (the National Honor Society in Psychology) and the Psychological Society.

**YOUR MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS** This phase of your course work will allow you to study your field of interest in-depth. Psychology requires a minimum of 44 credit hours. The program includes a core of 35 credit hours with such courses as General Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Experimental Psychology & Internship. You will then choose 9 hours of elective in Psychology, which will enable you to become more knowledgeable about a specific area of interest. The psychology major may be combined with premed preparation or prelaw preparation.

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Your four-year degree plan also includes general education courses which are required of all St. Edward's students. These include English, math, science, and others outlined in the undergraduate bulletin.

**WHAT IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?** No problem! In fact, it is not unusual. Part of what college is about is a process to identify your area of interest. As long as that decision is made in the first two years, it is not likely to impact your degree program very much, as a good deal of your initial course work is the area of general education, that body of courses common to all students. There are a few exceptions - major change in direction after two years (philosophy to accounting for example) would lengthen your program. If you are a full-time student and take five courses each semester, you will graduate in four years. It's unusual to do it much faster and not uncommon for it to take a little longer. It all depends on how many courses make sense for you & if you enroll in summer(s).

**PLANNING YOUR FIRST YEAR OF STUDY** We want you to take an active role in planning your degree program. While there are a good deal of requirements in your program, there are still decisions you will need to make. For example, which foreign language do you wish to study; which math classes do you want to choose to satisfy the math requirement; is there a particular religious study or philosophy course that appeals to you; are there any time conflicts? Your advisor will help, but your involvement is critical.

# **SUGGESTED DEGREE PLAN FOR PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC)**

## **FIRST FALL**

FSTY 1310 Freshman Studies  
FSTY 1311 Rhet & Comp I  
Foreign Language  
MATH 1312 or higher  
PSYC 2401 Gen Psyc w/ Community Service  
16 hours

## **SECOND FALL**

COMM 1317 Pres'l Speaking  
CULF 1319 Und & App Arts  
PSYC 2307/2308 Adol/Child  
PSYC 3438 Experimental Psychology  
PSYC career emphasis  
15 hours

## **THIRD FALL**

CULF 3330 Hist Glob Proc  
Ethics  
SCIE 2320 Science in Persp  
PSYC 3319 Social Psyc  
PSYC career/4342 if not 4343 in 3<sup>rd</sup> spring  
15 hours

## **FOURTH FALL**

CAPS 4360 Capstone  
Elective  
Elective  
PSYC 4350 Internship  
PSYC 4360 History & Systems  
15 hours

## **FIRST FIRST SPRING**

CULF 1318 Lit & Hum Experience  
CULF 1320 American Experience  
ENGW 1302 Rhet & Comp II  
Foreign Language  
PSYC 2317 Statistics  
16 hours

## **SECOND SPRING**

CULF 2321 American Dilemmas  
Elective  
RELS/PHIL  
Science in Depth  
PSYC 3316 Theories of Personality  
15 hours

## **THIRD SPRING**

CULF 3331 Contemporary World Issues  
Elective  
PSYC 4341 Abnormal Psychology  
PSYC career/4343 if not 4342 in 3<sup>rd</sup> fall  
PSYC career emphasis  
15 hours

## **FOURTH SPRING**

Elective  
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PSYC 4348 Independent Research  
PSYC career emphasis  
GDCT 4000.01  
15 hours