

# Psychology Bachelor's Graduation and Curriculum Information

## I. General Information Concerning Graduation Requirements for a B.A. Degree in Psychology

Students are responsible for ensuring they have met all graduation requirements. Students must familiarize themselves with the University General Catalogue under which they registered as a Psychology major. It is the student's responsibility to follow the appropriate guidelines and complete coursework identified on the appropriate the curriculum sheet. Proper course selection is the responsibility of the student.

### **Graduation Requirements:**

In addition to completing a total 120 hours in the appropriate psychology curriculum, a student must have a 2.0 average across all psychology courses and either a) a cumulative gpa of 2.0 on all coursework and on all coursework at Southeastern or b) an overall adjusted average of 2.0 on all coursework applicable to the student's curriculum (degree gpa). Your degree grade point average is calculated using the last grade earned. After a class has been repeated, the last grade earned stands as the official grade. If that last grade is an F, and the course is required, the class must be retaken (even if the student had previously passed the class). Half of the required psychology credit hours and at least 25 percent of total credit hours must be earned at Southeastern.

## II. General Information Concerning Curricula Requirements for a B.A. Degree in Psychology

### **Computer Science or Foreign Language Requirement:**

A total of 6 hours, all 6 in either Computer Science or a in a single Foreign Language is required. CMPS 101 and CMPS 105 will NOT fulfill the CMPS requirement.

### **English Requirement:**

Twelve (12) hours in English are required. English 101, 102, 322 are required of all psychology majors. In addition, student must earn three (3) hours selected from English 230, English 231, or English 232.

### **History Requirement:**

A total of six (6) hours in History in a sequence is required. Students must earn credit for either History 101 and 102 OR OR History 107 and 108 OR History 201 and 202.

### **Mathematics Requirement:**

A total of six (6) hours of Math is required. Students may take Math 105 first and then either Math 151 or 161. Alternatively students may take Math 151 or 161 first followed by Math 162, Math 163, or Math 165. The latter sequence is recommended for students intending to pursue graduate school. Credit cannot be given for both Math 151 and Math 161. **Under no circumstance** will credit for Math 241 (Elementary Statistics) satisfy the mathematics requirement in psychology.

### **Natural Science Requirement:**

A total of 11 semester hours in the Natural Sciences is required. These credits are to include General Biology 151 and Biology Lab 152. In addition, students are required to take 4 credit hours of Physical Science that includes a 3 credit lecture course and an accompanying lab. Physics, Chemistry, and Space and Earth Sciences are Physical Sciences. PHSC 101 and PHSC 102 do NOT meet the physical science requirement for our majors. Lastly, students are required to complete a 3 credit lecture course that sequences from General Biology 151 or from the physical science course the student took. GBIO 153, ZOO 250, and MIC 223 fulfill the 2<sup>nd</sup> science requirement. Other courses that fulfill the 2<sup>nd</sup> science requirement depend on the physical science the student had taken previously: ESSC 102 (for those who took ESSC 101), ESSC 101 (for those who took ESSC 102), CHEM 102 (for those who took CHEM 101), CHEM 122 (for those who took CHEM 121) and PHYS 192 (for those who took PHYS 191).

**Social Science Elective Requirement:**

Students are required to earn six (6) hours of Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Criminal Justice, or Geography. For students who are earning an I/O concentration 3 of these credits hours must be ECON.

**Oral and Library Proficiency Requirement:**

Psychology majors must earn credit for Communication 211 (3 hours) and LS 102 (1 credit)

**Art, Music, Theater, English Elective Requirement:**

Psychology majors are required to earn three (3) hours in English 230, 231, 232, 310, 316, or 429, or any Art, Music, Dance, or Theater course.

**SE 101 Requirement:**

Students are required to take two (2) hours of Southeastern 101. Transfer students with 30+ hours do not have to take SE 101 but must replace SE 101 with 2 hours of electives.

**Electives:**

Psychology majors following the standard curriculum are required to take 15 hours of any college course which may include additional Psychology courses. Those earning a concentration are required to take 9 hours of electives. We strongly recommend students select their electives carefully. Electives provide students the opportunity to tailor their curriculum and to gain expertise in topics that best prepares them for their future. Suggestions for electives are presented below.

**Psychology Requirement:**

Psychology majors following the standard curriculum are required to take a total of 46 hours of Psychology and those earning a concentration are required to take more than 46 hours of psychology. The psychology requirement includes a 4 semester sequence: Psyc 101, Psyc 220, Psyc 221/222, and Psyc 335 or 365. Note that Math 151/161 is a prerequisite for Psyc 221/222. See the curriculum sheet/catalogue for the particular required psychology and concentration courses. Refer to course descriptions for prerequisites.

**Elective Selection:** Knowledge of a foreign language is valuable in the marketplace and provides graduates with an unusual competitive edge. For these and other reasons, we strongly recommend students use their elective credit to learn a foreign language. The six hours that fulfill the foreign language/computer science requirement combined with an additional 6-12 elective credit in foreign language provides a solid foundation in a foreign language. Other good options depend on the student's particular goals and interests. For instance, students interested in pursuing graduate work in physiological psychology should consider earning a minor in biology. Students interested in becoming a counselor may consider taking certain relevant courses in sociology and health studies.

**Honors Track**

A Psychology Honors Track is available for students in the University Honors Program. The Psychology Honors Track provides an upper division research mentorship. See the catalog for a full description of the Honors Track.