Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology is dedicated to student instruction, serving the community, and the discovery of knowledge through empirical research. The department houses classrooms, laboratories, and equipment for study and research in the areas of sensation and perception, cognition, physiological psychology, developmental psychology, social psychology, psychology of religion, and clinical psychology.

The mission of the Psychology B.S. degree program is 1) to provide students with a course of study that reflects both the breadth and depth of the various fields of psychology and, consistent with Georgia Southern University's mission, and 2) to inspire students to be sensitive to cultural issues and individual differences, bridge scientific theory to practice, and promote personal and professional growth. This mission will be accomplished by providing students with a high-quality education about psychology, opportunities for experiential learning, and mentorship.

Students earning the B.S. in Psychology will:

1. recognize and respect the complexity of sociocultural diversity and individual differences;
2. recognize, compare, and apply information from the core domains of psychology (i.e., developmental, physiological, cognitive, social, learning, and abnormal psychology);
3. recognize, apply, and evaluate the fundamental methods and statistics of psychological science;
4. recognize the value of psychology in professional and personal domains.

Psychology Major

- Psychology B.S. (http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/liberal-arts-social-sciences/psychology/psychology-bs)

Psychology Minor

- Psychology (http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergraduate/liberal-arts-social-sciences/psychology/psychology-bs)

PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A survey of the major concepts and findings in the fundamental subfields of psychology encouraging their application to the understanding of human behavior in everyday life.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 1101H, PSYC 1101S.

PSYC 1101H Introduction to Psychology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A survey of the major concepts and findings in the fundamental subfields of psychology encouraging their application to the understanding of human behavior in everyday life.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 1101, PSYC 1101S.

PSYC 1101S Introduction to Psychology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A survey of the major concepts and findings in the fundamental subfields of psychology encouraging their application to the understanding of human behavior in everyday life.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 1101H, PSYC 1101.

PSYC 2210 Careers in Psychology
1 Credit Hour. 1-2 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Reviews research and theories of college student development, familiarizes students with career options in psychology, helps students clarify personal interests and career goals, and prepares them for job searching or admission to graduate school. Required of all psychology majors.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.

PSYC 2231 Psychological Statistics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Students learn to choose, execute, interpret, and present results for the statistical procedures most commonly used in psychological research.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in PSYC 1101, MATH 1101, MATH 1111, MATH 1112, MATH 1113, MATH 1232, MATH 1441.

PSYC 3030 Selected Topics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Focuses on humanistic and transpersonal approaches to psychology, those "third" and "fourth" forces that offer a view of the person which goes beyond that offered by positivistic behavioral theory or by classical psychoanalytic theory.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3030S.

PSYC 3030S Selected Topics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Focuses on humanistic and transpersonal approaches to psychology, those "third" and "fourth" forces that offer a view of the person which goes beyond that offered by positivistic behavioral theory or by classical psychoanalytic theory.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3030.

PSYC 3090 Selected Topics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Provides an overview of psychological assessment with emphasis on the construction of psychological tests.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in PSYC 1101.

PSYC 3141 Research Methods in Psychology
4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Students learn the fundamental principles of research in psychology, including experimental, quasi-experimental, and correlational approaches.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in PSYC 1101 and PSYC 2231.

PSYC 3230 Psychology of Adjustment
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Studies the factors that promote psychological adjustment with emphasis on self-help techniques.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.

PSYC 3231 Psychology of Religion
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An introduction to the literature of the psychology of religion, including the functions of religiousness, types of religious experiences, religious motivation, and the relationship between religion and mental health.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3231H, RELS 3231.
PSYC 3231H Psychology of Religion- Honors
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An introduction to the literature of the psychology of religion, including
the functions of religiousness, types of religious experiences, religious
motivation, and the relationship between religion and mental health.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3231, RELS 3231.
PSYC 3232 Psychology of Gender
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines biological and environmental determinants of gender, as well
as the role of gender in cognitive functioning, personality, physical and
mental health, interpersonal relationships, and work life.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3232H, INTS 3232.
PSYC 3232H Psychology of Gender (Honors)
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines biological and environmental determinants of gender, as well
as the role of gender in cognitive functioning, personality, physical and
mental health, interpersonal relationships, and work life.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3232.
PSYC 3234 Industrial/Organizational Psychology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Introduction to psychological study of behavior in the workplace, including
application of psychology to such areas as personnel testing, job
performance and employee morale.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
PSYC 3235 Behavior Modification
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An introductory survey of the application of learning principles and
procedures used in the establishment, maintenance, and modification
of complex human behavior in clinical situations, as well as the natural
environment with particular attention given to ethical issues associated
with the use of behavior change techniques.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3236H.
PSYC 3236 Psychology of Substance Abuse
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An intensive and critical analysis of the normative and deviant use of
various substances with emphasis placed on substance use, misuse,
and abuse within a framework integrating the psychological, social, and
biological aspects of substance use throughout history, including stimulant,
depressant, hallucinogenic, and psychotherapeutic drugs.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3236.
PSYC 3236H Substance Abuse (Honors)
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An intensive and critical analysis of the normative and deviant use of
various substances with emphasis placed on substance use, misuse,
and abuse within a framework integrating the psychological, social, and
biological aspects of substance use throughout history, including stimulant,
depressant, hallucinogenic, and psychotherapeutic drugs.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3236.
PSYC 3237 Psychology of Human Sexuality
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Focuses on sexual motivation, attraction and love, sexual orientation,
sexual techniques, sexual morals and politics, paraphilia, erotica, sexual
dysfunctions and therapy, and the place of sexuality in the experience
of being human, with secondary attention given to sexual anatomy and
physiology, and contraception.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3237H.
PSYC 3237H Psyc of Human Sexuality Honors
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Focuses on sexual motivation, attraction and love, sexual orientation,
sexual techniques, sexual morals and politics, paraphilia, erotica, sexual
dysfunctions and therapy, and the place of sexuality in the experience
of being human, with secondary attention given to sexual anatomy and
physiology, and contraception.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3237.
PSYC 3330 Abnormal Psychology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to provide an introduction to the concepts of “normal” and
“abnormal” behavior, the traditional categories of psychological disorders,
and the etiology of these disorders.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of “C” in PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3330S.
PSYC 3330H Abnormal Psychology (Honors)
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to provide an introduction to the concepts of “normal” and
“abnormal” behavior, the traditional categories of psychological disorders,
and the etiology of these disorders.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of “C” in PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3330, PSYC 3330H.
PSYC 3330S Abnormal Psychology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to provide an introduction to the concepts of “normal” and
“abnormal” behavior, the traditional categories of psychological disorders,
and the etiology of these disorders.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of “C” in PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3330, PSYC 3330H.
PSYC 3336 Child Psychology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Studies psychological theories, research and application of psychology
as these relate to the social and cognitive development of the child from
conception through adolescence.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3331.
PSYC 3332 Psychology of Adolescence
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines theories and research on physical, cognitive, personality, and
social development in adolescence, emphasizing normal development.
This course will not satisfy the requirements in adolescent psychology or
educational psychology for teacher certification.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
PSYC 3333 Lifespan Developmental Psychology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Provides a comprehensive overview of normal human development from
conception through old age.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3333H, PSYC 3333S.
PSYC 3333H Lifespan Dev. Psych. (Honors)
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Provides a comprehensive overview of normal human development from
conception through old age.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3333, PSYC 3333S.
PSYC 3333S Lifespan Dev. Psych.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Provides a comprehensive overview of normal human development from conception through old age.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3333, PSYC 3333H.  

PSYC 3334 Social Psychology  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Studies the social determinants of human behavior and surveys current theories and findings in such major content areas as social cognition, attitudes, prejudice, gender roles, conformity, obedience, interpersonal attraction, prosocial behavior, aggression, and group influence.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 334H, PSYC 3334S.  

PSYC 3334H Social Psychology  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Studies the social determinants of human behavior and surveys current theories and findings in such major content areas as social cognition, attitudes, prejudice, gender roles, conformity, obedience, interpersonal attraction, prosocial behavior, aggression, and group influence.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 334H, PSYC 3334S.  

PSYC 3335 Personality Psychology  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Surveys research findings on selected aspects of personality, as well as determinants and development of personality, research methods, and personality assessments.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3335H.  

PSYC 3335H Personality Psychology  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Surveys research findings on selected aspects of personality, as well as determinants and development of personality, research methods, and personality assessments.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3335.  

PSYC 3336 Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychology  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Focuses on humanistic and transpersonal approaches to psychology, those "third" and "fourth" forces that offer a view of the person which goes beyond that offered by positivistic behavioral theory or by classical psychoanalytic theory.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3336H, RELS 3336.  

PSYC 3336H Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychology  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Focuses on humanistic and transpersonal approaches to psychology, those "third" and "fourth" forces that offer a view of the person which goes beyond that offered by positivistic behavioral theory or by classical psychoanalytic theory.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3336.  

PSYC 3534 Psychology of Language  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
An introduction focusing on the psychological mechanisms underlying the acquisition and use of language from cognitive and social psychological perspectives.  
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in PSYC 1101 or LING 3533 or LING 3630.  
Cross Listing(s): LING 3534.  

PSYC 3890 Research Experience  
1-6 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Students work with a faculty member on his/her research to gain experience on a research project.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3890H.  

PSYC 3890H Research Experience  
1-6 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Students work with a faculty member on his/her research to gain experience on a research project.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 3890.  

PSYC 4131 Advanced Psychological Statistics  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Students learn to apply advanced statistical and research procedures used in psychology.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 3141.  

PSYC 4143 Senior Research  
4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.  
Students design, execute, write up, and present an original empirical research project.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 4131.  

PSYC 4430 Cognitive Psychology  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Explores the nature of human intellectual functioning and the research methods for doing so.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  

PSYC 4431 Motivation and Emotion  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Examines theories and research in the areas of motivation and emotion, with emphasis on humans.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  

PSYC 4432 Sensation and Perception  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Presents some fundamental concepts, methodologies, and research findings in the study of human sensory and perceptual functioning.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  

PSYC 4433 Principles of Learning  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Introduces the basic principles of learning and the scientific study of learning in humans and nonhumans.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  

PSYC 4434 Animal Behavior  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
A survey of methods, theories, and research in animal behavior, with attention also being given to evolutionary theories of human behavior.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.  

PSYC 4436 Theories of Psychotherapy  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.  
Provides students with a comprehensive review of the major theoretical orientations used in the practice of psychotherapy, including issues related to psychotherapy research and the applicability of these theories to a range of clients.  
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
PSYC 4436H  Theories of Psychotherapy
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Provides students with a comprehensive review of the major theoretical orientations used in the practice of psychotherapy, including issues related to psychotherapy research and the applicability of these theories to a range of clients.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.

PSYC 4630  Senior Seminar
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
An in-depth exploration of the theory and research finding pertaining to a broad topic integrating various areas of psychology.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in PSYC 3141 and at least 17 hours of psychology.

PSYC 4730  Internship in Psychology
3 Credit Hours.  0 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Through both classroom and field work, students gain practical experience through volunteer field work in a setting related to psychology.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in PSYC 3141.

PSYC 4832  Directed Study
1-6 Credit Hours.  0 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Consists of in-depth investigation of an area within psychology not normally covered in the curriculum.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 4832H.

PSYC 4832H  Directed Study (Honors)
1-6 Credit Hours.  0 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Consists of in-depth investigation of an area within psychology not normally covered in the curriculum.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 4832.

PSYC 4841  Directed Research
4 Credit Hours.  0 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Under the supervision of a faculty member, the individual student completes all phases of a research project in an area of the student's interest.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 4131.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 4841H.

PSYC 4841H  Directed Research
4 Credit Hours.  0 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Under the supervision of a faculty member, the individual student completes all phases of a research project in an area of the student's interest.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 4131.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 4841.

PSYC 5030  Selected Topics
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Scheduled on an irregular basis to explore special areas in psychology not offered in the regular curriculum and will carry a subtitle.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5030G.

PSYC 5230  Health Psychology
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Surveys the application of psychological principles in the treatment and prevention of health related problems.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5230G.

PSYC 5232  Psychology and Law
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
An introduction to the interdisciplinary study of psychologal research and scholarship.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5232G.

PSYC 5330  Psychology of Aging
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Examines developmental psychological processes in later adulthood, including changes with age in perception, intelligence, learning, memory, personality, and social behaviors.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5330G, PSYC 5330S.

PSYC 5330S  Psychology of Aging
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Examines developmental psychological processes in later adulthood, including changes with age in perception, intelligence, learning, memory, personality, and social behaviors.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5330, PSYC 5330G.

PSYC 5430  Physiological Psychology
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
A broad survey of the nervous system with emphases on functional relationships between the nervous system and behavior and on the techniques and methods used to examine the physiological bases for human and nonhuman animal behavior.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5430H, PSYC 5430S, PSYC 5430G.

PSYC 5430H  Physiological Psychology
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
A broad survey of the nervous system with emphases on functional relationships between the nervous system and behavior and on the techniques and methods used to examine the physiological bases for human and nonhuman animal behavior.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5430, PSYC 5430S, PSYC 5430G.

PSYC 5430S  Physiological Psychology
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
A broad survey of the nervous system with emphases on functional relationships between the nervous system and behavior and on the techniques and methods used to examine the physiological bases for human and nonhuman animal behavior.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5430H, PSYC 5430S, PSYC 5430G.

PSYC 5431  Evolutionary Psychology
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
A survey of methods and theories of the new field of evolutionary psychology emphasizing how human behavior and cognition develop from an interaction of life experiences with inherited interests, tendencies, and abilities that have been shaped by natural selection.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5431H, PSYC 5431G.

PSYC 5431H  Evolutionary Psychology Honors
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
A survey of methods and theories of the new field of evolutionary psychology emphasizing how human behavior and cognition develop from an interaction of life experiences with inherited interests, tendencies, and abilities that have been shaped by natural selection.
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1101.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5431, PSYC 5431G.

PSYC 5530  History and Systems
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Examines the development of experimental and clinical psychology with emphasis on relating the development to current issues in psychology.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5530G, PSYC 5530H.

PSYC 5530H  History and Systems (Honors)
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.
Examines the development of experimental and clinical psychology with emphasis on relating the development to current issues in psychology.
Cross Listing(s): PSYC 5530, PSYC 5530G.