

Psychology

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Admission Requirements

General Undergraduate Admission Requirements

Note: Not all Online Program offerings are available to residents of all U.S. states. Please contact an admissions representative for further information.

To be admitted to any of the undergraduate programs at South University, the prospective student must provide proof of high school graduation as recognized by the state of residence on the date the degree was earned, or the equivalent (e.g. GED with no single test score below 145 or numeric score equivalent to 2.0 on old version or state-issued certificate designated as the equivalent of a High School Diploma) with a minimum CGPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale within 5 weeks of the start date (refer to Conditional Acceptance). The prospective student must also complete the university administered placement tests prior to the start of the first quarter for campus students and during the first session of attendance for online students. South University accepts the International Baccalaureate Program diploma as meeting the requirement for high school graduation. Credentials earned outside the United States must be evaluated by a NACES or AICE-member credential evaluation service. Please speak with an admissions representative for more information.

Students with less than the minimum CGPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale may meet admissions requirements by submitting a minimum combined SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math) score of 700 or 900 on the old SAT, a combined ACT score of 18, or meet the criteria established for acceptance as a transfer student.

Students with less than the minimum CGPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale may be admitted provisionally for two quarters. Failure to achieve a 1.5 CGPA in the first two quarters of attendance will result in dismissal. Students may appeal the dismissal by following the Procedures for Appealing Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal Policy.

Acceptable verification of high school graduation or the equivalent would include a copy of the high school diploma, high school transcript (official or unofficial), GED certificate, or GED scores and state-authorized examination scores (ex. HiSET, TASC) or a state- issued certificate designated as the equivalent of a high school diploma. In states that maintain a database that serves as an official registry of high school and GED graduates, an excerpt from the official database documenting the student's graduation or GED completion may be used.

Campuses in South Carolina must be provided with official high school transcripts or GED scores or state-issued certificates designated as the equivalent of a high school diploma.

Please see the policy on GPA Calculation for Admission for additional information

Conditional Acceptance

Students may be conditionally accepted by submitting unofficial copies of documentation required for the admission requirements. Conditional acceptance is allowed for 5 weeks beyond the start of the student's first session. Failure to provide acceptable, official documentation, as stated in the admissions requirements, within 5 weeks from the start date will result in the following:

- Removal from class

- Cancellation of enrollment
- No final course grades
- No transcript

Students who do not provide acceptable documents for full, unconditional acceptance within the 5 week period will not be responsible for tuition and related fees. South University may grant exceptions to the 5 week period for unusual situations or circumstances. All exceptions must be submitted to the Office of the University Registrar for approval.

Admission of Transfer Students

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To be eligible for admission, transfer students must complete the application procedures and satisfy the following criteria:

1. Submit a completed application for admission.
2. Have earned 24 or more credit hours, or the equivalent (e.g. 16 semester hours), with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 from an acceptable accredited collegiate institution.
3. Submit official transcripts (including verifiable faxed transcripts) from all colleges and universities attended.
4. Submit self-certification of high school graduation or GED completion.

For transfer of credit practices refer to the applicable section under the [Academic Affairs](#) section of this catalog.

To be admitted as a Transfer student into South University the prospective student must have earned 24 or more quarter credit hours or the equivalent (e.g. 16 semester hours), with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 from an acceptable accredited collegiate institution. Official transcripts from the collegiate institution(s) must be received within 5 weeks of the start date (refer to Conditional Acceptance), and who are not required to take ENG0099 and/or MAT0099, will be exempt from taking the UVC1000 Strategies for Success. Students will select another 4 credit course in consultation with their Academic Advisor or Academic Counselor to fulfill the degree requirements.

Students with 24 or more quarter credits with less than a 2.0 GPA may be admitted provisionally for two quarters. Failure to achieve a 1.5 GPA in the first two quarters of attendance will result in dismissal. Students may appeal the dismissal by following the Procedures for Appealing Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal Policy.

Students who are citizens of countries other than the United States should refer to the section entitled International Student Admissions Policy.

Students who are transferring from or to a school within the University of North Carolina or the North Carolina Community College System should be aware of the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement approved by both governing Boards on March 1, 1996 and revised in September of 2008. This agreement may be found in its entirety at the following [website](#).

For additional admissions information please see the admissions section [here](#).

Program Overview and Outcomes

Offered at Atlanta, Austin, Columbia, Montgomery, Online Programs, Richmond, Savannah, Tampa, Virginia Beach, and West Palm Beach.

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The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree program is designed to provide students with a broad background in general education, and to provide initial training and quality instruction for students wishing to seek entry-level positions in psychology or a graduate degree in the behavioral sciences upon graduation.

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Graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the major theories and content areas comprising the foundation of psychology.
2. Actively engage in the process of critically evaluating concepts, theories, research, and applications in the field.
3. Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of cultural factors impacting the field of Psychology according to historical and current issues.
4. Develop effective verbal and written communication skills necessary in the field. Specifically, students will demonstrate an ability to write and present psychological concepts including an ability to communicate clearly and effectively using APA style.
5. Apply the principles of scientific methodology according to human, social, and applied context.
6. Demonstrate awareness and understanding of current and future professional issues in the field of psychology including an understanding of The Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct.
7. Demonstrate an understanding and articulate a need for continued professional growth in the field.
8. Understand and articulate the connection between theory, concepts, research and clinical application in the field for current and emerging issues.

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology: 180 Credits

Area I General Education Requirements: 64 Credits

Professional Development

Course Code	Title	Credits
UVC1000	Strategies for Success	4.0

Basic Communications

Course Code	Title	Credits
ENG1100	Composition I	4.0
ENG1200	Composition II	4.0

Choose one additional course from the list below:

Course Code	Title	Credits
COM2006	Interpersonal Communication	4.0
SPC1026	Public Speaking	4.0

Mathematics and Statistics

Course Code	Title	Credits
MAT1001	College Algebra I	4.0
MAT1005	College Algebra II	4.0
MAT2058	Statistics	4.0

Natural Sciences (choose two)

Course Code	Title	Credits
	BIO1011 and BIO1012	6
BIO1011	Anatomy and Physiology I	4.0
BIO1012	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	2.0
	BIO1013 and BIO1014	6
BIO1013	Anatomy and Physiology II	4.0
BIO1014	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	2.0
BIO1020	Biology I	4.0
BIO1021	Biology II	4.0
CHM1010	General Chemistry	4.0

Note(s):

**NOTE: If a Psychology (BA) student chooses to take an Anatomy and Physiology course, only [BIO1011](#) and [BIO1013](#) satisfy the Natural Sciences requirement. Students enrolling in either course must, however, also take the related co-requisite lab courses: [BIO1012](#) and [BIO1014](#) respectively. Students electing this option for their Natural Sciences requirement will complete 184 credit hours of work for their degree, depending on their exact choice.*

Arts and Humanities

Course Code	Title	Credits
HUM1200	Introduction to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	4.0

Choose one additional course from the list below:

Course Code	Title	Credits
ENG2002	World Literature I: From the Ancient World to the Middle Ages	4.0
ENG2003	World Literature II: From Enlightenment to Modernity	4.0
ENG2011	Introduction to American Literature: 1865 to present	4.0
ENG2020	Introduction to Film Studies	4.0
HIS1101	U.S. History I: Colonial to 1865	4.0
HIS1102	U.S. History II: 1865 to Present	4.0
HUM1001	History of Art through the Middle Ages	4.0
HUM1002	History of Art from the Middle Ages to Modern Times	4.0
HUM2101	World Civilization I: Prehistory to 1500 C.E.	4.0
HUM2102	World Civilization II: 1500 to Present	4.0
PHI2301	Introduction to Philosophy	4.0
REL1001	World Religions	4.0

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Course Code	Title	Credits
POL2076	American Government	4.0
PSY1001	General Psychology	4.0
SOC1001	Introduction to Sociology	4.0

General Education Elective (choose two courses not fulfilled in the above categories):

Course Code	Title	Credits
COM2006	Interpersonal Communication	4.0
ENG1300	Composition III	4.0
ENG2002	World Literature I: From the Ancient World to the Middle Ages	4.0
ENG2003	World Literature II: From Enlightenment to Modernity	4.0
ENG2011	Introduction to American Literature: 1865 to present	4.0
HIS1101	U.S. History I: Colonial to 1865	4.0
HIS1102	U.S. History II: 1865 to Present	4.0
HUM1001	History of Art through the Middle Ages	4.0
HUM1002	History of Art from the Middle Ages to Modern Times	4.0
HUM2101	World Civilization I: Prehistory to 1500 C.E.	4.0
HUM2102	World Civilization II: 1500 to Present	4.0
PHI2301	Introduction to Philosophy	4.0
SOC2010	Social Problems	4.0

Area II Foundational Requirements: 32 Credits

Elective Pool (Eight courses or 32 credit hours)

Transfer students may transfer any course to help fulfill the elective pool requirements, provided the course meets the standards of the Credit for Transcribed and Non-transcribed Work policy found in the Academic Affairs section of this catalog.

Non-transfer students, with their advisor's consultation and approval may choose courses from any department recommended and listed course or more broadly from any course offered by South University. Work from other fields must include any required prerequisite courses in the elective field.

A course can be used to meet only one requirement in Area I, Area II, or Area III, but not simultaneously in two areas. Students should work with their academic advisor or counselor to be sure they are making appropriate course choices.

Area III Major Requirements: 84 Credits

Core: 36 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSY2007	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	4.0
PSY2010	Abnormal Psychology	4.0
PSY2022	Human Growth and Development	4.0
PSY2050	History and Systems	4.0
PSY2060	Research Methods	4.0
PSY3001	Cognitive Psychology	4.0
PSY3010	Social Psychology	4.0
PSY3200	Biological Psychology	4.0
PSY3300	Personality	4.0

Major Curriculum: 44 Credits

Students must take one course within each of the four areas below (16 credit hours) plus an additional 28 credit hours (7 courses) from any area below. Students should work with their academic counselor or program director to be sure they are making appropriate course choices.

Behavioral Health

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSY4001	Addictions	4.0
PSY4030	Multicultural Psychology	4.0
PSY4400	Child and Adolescent Disorders	4.0
PSY4540	Introduction to Professional Counseling	4.0
PSY4541	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	4.0
PSY4600	Anxiety and Mood Disorders	4.0

Behavioral Neuroscience

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSY3400	Sensation and Perception	4.0
PSY3500	Motivation	4.0
PSY4610	Advanced Analysis and Methods	4.0
PSY4620	Learning and Memory	4.0
PSY4630	Principles of Behavioral Neuroscience	4.0
PSY4640	Comparative Cognition	4.0
PSY4650	Human Neuropharmacology	4.0

Human Development

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSY3520	Child/Adolescent Development	4.0
PSY3530	Adult Development	4.0
PSY3540	Elderly Development	4.0
PSY3800	Introduction to Psychological Testing and Assessment	4.0
PSY4040	Human Sexuality	4.0
PSY4320	Psychology and Gender	4.0

Social/Organizational

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSY4200	Psychology and the Media	4.0
PSY4420	Health Psychology	4.0
PSY4470	Forensic Psychology (formerly Psychology and Law)	4.0
PSY4480	Psychology of Religion	4.0
PSY4560	Industrial Organizational Psychology	4.0
PSY4580	Psychometrics and Assessment	4.0

Capstone (choose one, 4 credit hours)

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSY4800	Senior Seminar	4.0
PSY4900	Field Placement	4.0
Total Credits		180