

PSYCHOLOGY

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS



WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE?

Psychology is broadly the study of human and animal behavior and its application to the prediction and modification of activities across a wide range of settings, including the alleviation of human suffering. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth in psychology is occurring at a rate of 14 percent, which is faster than the national average. Areas poised for major growth include clinical/counseling, developmental, industrial/organizational psychology, and neuroscience. Psychology majors are employed in fields such as human services, education, social services, criminal justice, healthcare and management. The undergraduate major in psychology prepares you to enter all of these fields, including professional study beyond the bachelor's degree.

MAJORS

- Psychology (BS or BA)
- Psychology (BS) w/ a concentration in Developmental Psychology
- Psychology (BS) w/ a concentration in Neuroscience

MINOR

- Psychology

ACCELERATED PROGRAMS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Pre-Clinical Mental Health Counseling (SRU) Accelerated 3+3
- Pre-Occupational Therapy (SRU) Accelerated 3+3 or Traditional*
- Pre-Physician Assistant (SRU) Accelerated 3+2 or Traditional*
- Pre-Student Affairs in Higher Ed. with College Counseling (SRU) Accelerated 3+3
- Pre-Student Affairs in Higher Education (SRU) Accelerated 3+2
- Psychology (SRU) and Master of Science in Counseling Psychology with Chatham University
- Psychology (SRU) and Master of Arts in Psychology with Chatham University

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PSYCHOLOGY AT SRU

The psychology program at Slippery Rock University provides students with a unique educational opportunity to build future career skills through research, community work, and specialized training. Our department is sought by students who want all of the opportunities without sacrificing personal attention. Students are introduced to a broad range of topics in the field of psychology through study in our core courses emphasizing abnormal, developmental and social psychology; perception, learning and cognition; and behavioral neuroscience. Students learn a range of skills that make them career-ready, which are continually enhanced through activities inside and outside of the classroom and through high-impact teaching practices. As we work to enhance the personal, academic and professional growth of every student, our graduates further promote the well-being of others in their communities, schools and hospitals. Students can choose a general track or a concentration leading to a career in counseling or developmental psychology, neuroscience, student affairs, physician assistant studies or occupational therapy.

WHY CHOOSE PSYCHOLOGY AT SRU?

- 1. Experienced faculty:** Students will be taught by full-time faculty members, not graduate assistants, who are experts in their field and bring real-life examples to the classroom.
- 2. Research experience:** There are numerous opportunities for students to work closely with faculty conducting research on a wide variety of contemporary topics. Student-faculty research is a cornerstone of psychology and is strongly encouraged within the department.
- 3. Service and leadership:** Students are engaged in service and leadership to explore their interests, develop skills and build professional networks. Several active student organizations are housed within the department and enable students to build strong connections with faculty and other students.
- 4. Future success:** You will be well prepared for employment and entrance to graduate programs following the bachelor's degree. Our graduates have numerous job opportunities and gain entrance to graduate programs at a rate higher than the national average for psychology.
- 5. Support and guidance:** Every student is advised by a regular, full-time faculty member who will assist you with your academic and career goals throughout your education.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SRU psychology students have completed internships at various locations including:

- Butler Adult and Juvenile Probation
- Capable Kids
- Center for Community Resources
- Children's Advocacy Center of Butler County
- George Junior Republic
- Glade Run Lutheran Services
- Grove City Area School District
- Laurel School District
- Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services
- Storm Harbor Equestrian Center
- UPMC Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic
- Victim Outreach Intervention Center
- Vocational & Psychological Services

CAREER OUTCOMES

While many SRU psychology majors will continue their education after earning their bachelor's degree, graduates of the department have secured careers in the following areas:

- Administrative Fellow, Allegheny Health Network
- Associate Director for Inclusive Education, UNC Pembroke
- Clinical Trials Manager, UPMC Department of Anesthesiology
- Clinical Research Coordinator, MA General Hospital
- Director of Admissions, Butler County Community College
- Director of People and Operations, OVC Childcare Center
- Licensed Professional Counselor, Private Practice
- Prevention and Policy Specialist, El Paso County Public Health
- Psychological Services Specialist, PA Department of Corrections
- Psychological Testing Administrator, Neuropsychology Specialty Care
- Retention Coordinator, Butler County Community College
- Research Specialist, University of Pittsburgh
- School Psychologist, Montgomery County Public Schools
- Senior Discharge Plan Manager, UPMC Magee-Women's Hospital
- School Counselor, New Story Schools
- Supports Coordinator, Family Counseling Center

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Psi Chi, Honorary in Psychology
- Psychology Club
- Reflections Body Image Organization
- Nu Pho Psi, Honorary in Neuroscience
- Neuro ROCKS!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Zack Brodnick '23

Research Project Associate Affective Neuroscience and Development Psychopathology Lab, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

"Slippery Rock's Psychology Department tremendously prepared me for my job working as a post-baccalaureate researcher."

Danika Beers '22

Outpatient and School Counselor, Restore Counseling Services, Ephrata, Pennsylvania

"Through supportive faculty and immersive learning experiences, I gained the confidence and expertise needed to thrive in the field of Psychology."

Megan Mezzio '18

School Counselor, New Story Schools (Special Education), Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

"The Psychology Department at SRU helped give me an amazing foundation of knowledge of mental health which helped get me to where I am today as a School Counselor."

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