About the Program
The psychology degree at Slippery Rock University provides students with a unique educational opportunity to build future career skills through research, community work and specialized training. The 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 SRU’s core courses including: “History of Psychology”, “Psychological Testing”, “Learning”, “Behavioral Neuroscience and Developmental”, “Social”, “Cognitive” and “Abnormal” psychology courses. Students learn a range of skills that make them career-ready. These skills are continuously enhanced through activities inside and outside the classroom and through cutting-edge, high-impact teaching practices. As SRU works 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.

Career Opportunities
The U.S. Department of Labor predicts jobs in the field of psychology will grow about 12 percent over the next 10 years. The new jobs are not just reserved for psychologists with doctorate degrees. In the coming decade, several psychology subfields, particularly industrial/organizational psychology, developmental psychology and neuropsychology are poised for major growth. In the future, the psychology workforce will need to be flexible, creative and adaptable as participants take on new roles working with professionals in multidisciplinary settings, including medicine and research. Psychology majors will be able to capitalize on their skills in a variety of fields and settings, including management, social work, labor relations, early childhood education, criminal justice and career counseling. The 2012 median salary for a psychologist was $69,280 (U.S. Department of Labor statistics) and, based on current job listings, range from $47,000 to $90,000 (summer 2014 job listings at glassdoor.com).

Some students also choose to pursue education beyond the bachelor’s degree. SRU psychology majors are competitive for graduate programs in the areas of:

- Counselor
- Psychologist
- Psychiatrist
- School psychologist
- Social worker
- Psychiatric nurse
- Guidance counselor
- Researcher

Student Organizations
- Psi Chi
- Psychology Club

Majors/Concentrations
- Psychology (BA)
- Psychology (BS)
- Developmental
- Neuroscience
- Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2
- Pre-Student Affairs 3+2
- Pre-Counseling 3+2
- Pre-Counseling 3+3

Minor
- Psychology
Projects
- Reflections Body Image Program
- Brain Awareness Week

Research
- School bullying
- Gender and sexism
- Peer conflict and management
- Body modification practices
- Diversity and employment
- Attachment in infants
- Positive body image
- Attitudes toward individuals with disabilities
- Children’s pro-social and antisocial behavior
- LGBT health
- Left versus right handedness in thinking processes

National Conferences
- Eastern Psychological Association
- Gender Development Research Conference
- Cognitive Development Society
- Emerging Adulthood Conference
- International Conference on LGBT

Success in Psychology
Our psychology graduates work in the following settings:
- Human & social services
- Schools
- Businesses
- Hospitals
- Residential care facilities
- Wrap-around services
- Correctional facilities

Real World Experience
Spend a day with us through our peer-shadowing program.
Like us on Facebook at SRU Psychology to be entered into a monthly drawing for a free psychology department T-shirt.
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