

PSYCHOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

COLLEGE OF HEALTH, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE



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, health care and management. The undergraduate major in psychology prepares you to enter all of these fields, including professional study beyond the bachelor's degree.

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 (Psi Chi, Psychology Club, Reflections Body Image Organization, Brain Awareness Week) 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.

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 or Traditional*
- 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 or Traditional
- Pre-Student Affairs in Higher Education (SRU) Accelerated 3+2 or Traditional
- 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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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SRU psychology students have completed internships at various locations including:

- Adventure Time Pediatric Therapy and Learning Center
- Butler Children and Youth Services
- Butler Adult and Juvenile Probation and District Attorney's Office
- Center for Community Resources
- Cognitive Behavior Institute
- Glade Run Lutheran Services
- Storm Harbor Equestrian Center
- Mars Home for Youth
- UPMC Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic
- Victim Outreach Intervention Center

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:

- Associate Director of Admissions, Butler Community College
- Behavioral Health Therapist, Westmoreland Hospital's Crisis Response Center
- Career Development Educator, University of Florida
- Clinical Psychologist, Federal Bureau of Prisons
- HR Generalist, The Kraft Heinz Company
- Milieu Therapist, UPMC Northwest
- Program Specialist, McGuire Memorial
- Psychiatric Social Worker, UPMC
- Social Media Manager, Point Park University
- School Psychologist, Wellsboro Area School District

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Brain Awareness Week
- Psi Chi, the National Honorary in Psychology
- Psychology Club
- Reflections Body Image Organization



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Chelsea Taylor '15

Psychological examiner at Clarksville Behavioral Health, Clarksville, Kentucky

"I learned so much from SRU's psychology faculty and loved my experience attending SRU."

Blaine Schrum '15

School psychologist, Belle Vernon Area School District, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania

"The psychology department at SRU fully prepared me for graduate school."

Danielle Deliman '14

Forensic counselor, Clearfield County Jail, Clearfield, Pennsylvania

"The psychology department has been great to me, during my time in school and also afterward. I am where I am now because of my degree in psychology."

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