PSYCHOLOGY
(Transfer Students)

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PROGRAM INFORMATION
The goal and mission of the psychology department is to prepare students to enter a changing and demanding job market and to facilitate and encourage a lifetime of learning. More than at any other time in history we are faced with global changes that require us to assist students in gaining the information, technology, and new ways of thinking and viewing the world to achieve personal and professional success. The Psychology Department faculty believe that the best way to facilitate student growth and learning is to provide a solid scientific and theoretical base while teaching students to think critically, challenge accepted beliefs, and develop skills for their future. We believe it is our responsibility to provide the opportunities and tools necessary to integrate this knowledge and these abilities into the students’ personal and professional identity, and to provide the student with a greater understanding of the diversity, interdependence, and interrelatedness of the world.

The goals and mission of the Psychology Department hold true for both the undergraduate and graduate programs. The Psychology Program also is home to the Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) graduate program. Our undergraduate program provides a solid foundation for those students interested in pursuing graduate training in our CMHC program or similar programs offered at other institutions. Our graduate program prepares candidates to work as mental health professionals in a variety of settings, e.g., community mental health agencies, hospitals, drug and alcohol treatment centers, and private practice, providing evidence-based therapeutic interventions to a variety of client populations.

CAREER OPTIONS
The Psychology major provides students with a strong foundation in psychological principles. These principles focus on a person’s thoughts feelings and behaviors and our majors graduate with a knowledge and skill base that is applicable to a wide range of occupations and settings. The following list includes examples of roles for graduates who major in psychology:

- Caseworker
- Residential Treatment
- Human Service professional
- Customer service professional
- Skills Trainer
- Sales
- Marketing
- Personnel and training professional
- Testing and assessment technician
- Research assistant
- Strong background for graduate programs

MAJOR ADVISING
Contact Lea Griess, Social Sciences’ Student Success Advisor, in Taylor Hall 101 (541.552.6254, griessl@sou.edu), for initial advising, transcript evaluation and faculty advisor assignment.

Courses to complete during your first few terms at SOU, if not already completed: 
You may complete these requirements before or after you declare Psychology as your major.

- BI 101 or comparable biology course
- MTH 243
- PSY 201
- PSY 202
- PSY 211 (taken first or second term is preferable)
- PSY 225

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