

B.S. Psychology emphasis in School Guidance

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Southwestern Adventist University's Education and Psychology Department offers a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with Emphasis in School Guidance. The degree combines courses in education and psychology to prepare individuals for careers in school counseling and teaching. School counselors in the state of Texas need two years of teaching experience and a master's degree in school counseling prior to licensure and employment as a school counselor.

We offer unique opportunities for students to have field experience in public and private school settings. Field experience is integrated into the program from the freshman year. Field experience in psychology is also included.

Job Market

University alumni surveys find that psychology with emphasis in school guidance graduates are currently working as bilingual teachers, school counselors and teachers.

Job Outlook

A number of institutions hire graduates with a bachelor's degree, thus the outlook for a psychology major is excellent. Training in critical thinking, interpersonal communications, and human behavior makes graduates in this field highly versatile and employable. Preparation for teacher certification increases job options for those with this degree.

Earnings

Depending on the area of the country and type of job, grads can expect to earn a salary range of \$30,000–\$52,000.

Educational Qualifications

Students must pass Texas certification exams for teaching. Advancement to a school counseling position requires two years of teaching experience and a master's degree. Students planning to teach at tertiary level in psychology programs must have at least one area of expertise and a doctorate degree is preferred.



Psychology Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
PSYC 212	General Psychology	3
PSYC 220	Human Growth & Development	3
PSYC 222	Ethics for Mental Health Professionals	3
PSYC 344	Marriage, and Family Therapy	3
PSYC 322	Child & Adolescent Psychology	3
PSYC 326	Learners With Exceptionalities	3
PSYC 340	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 360	Personality Theory & Development	3
PSYC 445	Deviant Behavior	3
PSYC 460	Applied Social Research Methods	3
PSYC 470	Counseling Theory & Techniques	3
	Sub-Total Credits	33

Education Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
EDUC 254	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	3
EDUC 310	Teaching English Language Learners	3
EDUC 312	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 350	Digital Literacy Proficiency	3
EDUC 382	Reading and Language Arts in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 385	Philosophy of Christian Education	3
EDUC 386	Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 414	Science and Health in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 418	Legal Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 419	Social Studies in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 424	Language Arts Essential Skills in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 434	Classroom Assessment	3
EDUC 436	Classroom Management	3
EDUC 475	Directed Teaching in Elementary School	6
EDUC 495	TEXES Prep #1 - Core Subjects EC-6	0
EDUC 496	TEXES Prep #2 - Pedagogy and Professionalism Responsibilities EC-12	0
	Sub-Total Credits	45

Required Cognates

Item #	Title	Credits
POLS 211	National and Texas Constitutions	3
MATH 141	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3
	Sub-Total Credits	6

Sample 4 Year Curriculum

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major please visit: <https://catalog.swau.edu/core-curriculum-for-a-bachelors-degree>

First Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
BIOL 103	Human Biology	4
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3
HIST 111	United States History to 1865	3
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
RELT 101	Christian Beliefs	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
	Sub-Total Credits	16

First Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 112	United States History from 1865	3
MATH 131	Applied Mathematics	3
PHYS 114	Physical Science	4
RELH 230	History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	3
EDUC 254	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
MATH 141	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3
POLS 211	National and Texas Constitutions	3
PSYC 212	General Psychology	3
RELT 201	Bible Study Methods	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Fine Arts GE Requirement	3
PSYC 220	Human Growth & Development	3
PSYC 222	Ethics for Mental Health Professionals	3
PSYC 322	Child & Adolescent Psychology	3
PSYC 326	Learners With Exceptionalities	3
PSYC 340	Abnormal Psychology	3
	Sub-Total Credits	18

Third Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
EDUC 312	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 382	Reading and Language Arts in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 385	Philosophy of Christian Education	3
EDUC 386	Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
PSYC 344	Marriage, and Family Therapy	3
PSYC 360	Personality Theory & Development	3
	Sub-Total Credits	18

Third Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
EDUC 350	Digital Literacy Proficiency	3
EDUC 414	Science and Health in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 419	Social Studies in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 424	Language Arts Essential Skills in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 495	TEXES Prep #1 - Core Subjects EC-6	0
	Literature GE Requirement	3
PSYC 445	Deviant Behavior	3
	Sub-Total Credits	18

Fourth Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
EDUC 310	Teaching English Language Learners	3
EDUC 418	Legal Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 434	Classroom Assessment	3
EDUC 496	TEXES Prep #2 - Pedagogy and Professionalism Responsibilities EC-12	0
PSYC 460	Applied Social Research Methods	3
RELB 325	Pentateuch	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Fourth Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
EDUC 436	Classroom Management	3
PSYC 470	Counseling Theory & Techniques	3
EDUC 475	Directed Teaching in Elementary School	6
	Sub-Total Credits	12