

### **Program Overview**

The three-year Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Psychology has been designed for individuals who seek a broad and extensive interdisciplinary education in the liberal arts and sciences tradition. The concentration in Psychology grounds students in research methods and different understandings of human behaviour. Through the study of various psychology issues, world events and schools of psychological thought, students are introduced to methods of reading, interpreting, and synthesizing a broad and diverse range of ideas and research. This degree culminates in a full-year seminar that affords students the opportunity to consolidate their learning through an interdisciplinary project.

Students in the program will have the opportunity to meet the following objectives through the Psychology concentration requirements:

1. gain a thorough grounding in psychological principles and theories;
2. understand the development and history of various schools of psychological thought;
3. learn to critically read and evaluate past and current research;
4. develop an awareness of psychological issues affecting the individual over the course of a lifetime;
5. develop in-depth awareness of selected topics in psychology.

The program reflects the commitment of St. Mary's University College to a liberal education as valuable for its own sake since it provides individuals the opportunity to discover and eventually realize their human potential. In addition to providing personal fulfillment, the program prepares students to think critically and communicate clearly. Such skills are in keen demand for a variety of careers including the fields in mental health, research, politics, education, social work, pastoral care, government service, forensics, advertising and public relations.

### **Admission**

New students may apply directly to the program when they apply for admission. Current Liberal Arts and Sciences students, with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0, must complete a *Program Information Form* available through the Enrolment Services office.

### **Program Requirements**

Once admitted to the degree program, students will be assigned a program advisor and provided with contact information. Students are strongly recommended to meet with their advisor on a regular basis throughout the program. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have met the requirements for graduation.

This planning guide is designed to help students keep track of their progress in meeting degree requirements. Course descriptions may be found in either the St. Mary's University College online calendar or hard copy calendar.

## 90 Credit Degree

### A. Liberal Arts Core (18 credits)

- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 200: Literature in English from the Middle Ages to the Present (6 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 200: History of Ideas (6 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHIL 351: Ethics (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ THEO 201: Reading Biblical Texts: Meaning in the Judeo-Christian Tradition (3 credits)

### B. Special Requirements (12 credits)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6 credits in a language other than English
- \_\_\_\_\_ IDST 400: Interdisciplinary Seminar (6 credits)  
(to be taken in the final year of the program)

### C. Psychology Requirements (30 credits)

- \_\_\_\_\_ PSYC 201: Principles of Psychology (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PSYC 203: Critical Issues in Psychology (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PSYC 312: Experimental Design and Quantitative Methods (6 credits)  
(prerequisite: pure math 30 or applied math 30)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Applied Psychology: PSYC 331, 335, 337, 345, 359, 413, or 441 (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clinical Psychology: PSYC 341, 393, 409, 411, or 485 (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Science-Based Psychology: PSYC 353, 365, 369, 375, 465, or 475 (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Psychology: PSYC 305, 333, 355, 357, 361, or 429 (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6 additional senior credits in Psychology from any field above

### D. Electives (30 credits)

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### Junior/Senior Requirements

No more than 45 credits may be taken at the 200 level for credit towards the degree; 45 credits must be taken at the 300/400 level.

### Program Standing

In order to remain in the program, you must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in senior Psychology courses. Students who do not meet these requirements may not graduate.

### Residence Requirement

All students must complete at least 45 credits at St. Mary's University College.

### Graduation

In your final term of study, you must submit an *Application to Graduate*. Application forms are available at the Enrolment Services Office or on our website: [www.stmu.ab.ca](http://www.stmu.ab.ca).

Deadline to submit applications for June 2012 convocation is April 1, 2012.

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This guide is for your convenience only and should not replace the St. Mary's University College Calendar, which is the final authority regarding degree program requirements and academic regulations.