APPLIED SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY - BA, BS

Students studying psychology may apply their liberal arts education in the field of public health or physical therapy through two dual degree programs. The Master of Public Health (MPH) and Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) programs offer students the opportunity to enter the graduate program as undergraduate students in their senior year. Students complete their bachelor's degree while pursuing the graduate degree.

Psychology/Master of Public Health

Applied science in psychology majors will complete the psychology pre-public health sequence of courses and supporting work for the MPH program. This includes courses in global health, statistics, biology or chemistry and statistics, while providing a special emphasis in psychology.

The psychology courses span disciplines, including humanities and the social and natural sciences; students learn how psychology applies to work, life and play. The St. Kate's psychology major is steeped in scientific inquiry and provides an outstanding foundation for a range of careers. If students choose to complete the fourth-year course work prior to applying for the MPH program they will be prepared to work in a variety of areas of the psychology discipline.

To enroll in this program, students apply to the MPH program during their junior year. If they are admitted to the MPH program, they receive a B.A. or B.S. (the student's choice) in applied science in psychology upon completion of the first year of the MPH program. The curriculum for the applied science in psychology major is listed in the Pre-Professional Programs, Pre-Public health (catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs/prepublic-health) section of this catalog.

Psychology/Doctor of Physical Therapy

Applied science in psychology majors will complete the psychology pre-physical therapy sequence of courses and supporting work for the DPT program. This includes courses in biology, anatomy, physiology, chemistry, physics, psychology, statistics and mathematics, while providing a special emphasis in psychology.

The applied science in psychology major requires general courses in psychology and provides the background for understanding the psychological responses to injury, surgery and the rehabilitation process. In addition to DPT prerequisite courses, students may take classes in areas such as socialization processes, learning principles and applications, memory and cognition, abnormal and developmental psychology. In addition to preparing students for graduate work in physical therapy, the psychology major prepares them for graduate work in sports, experimental, clinical or counseling psychology.

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