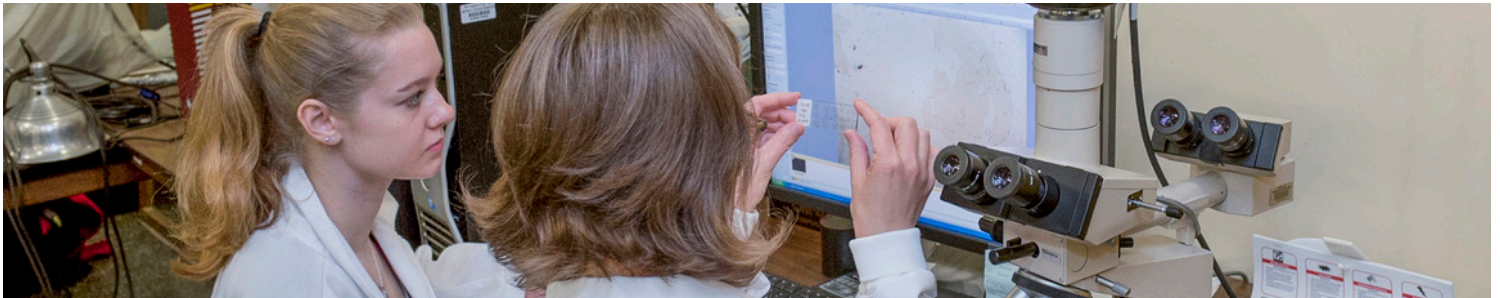


# Psychology



The science of psychology is a rapidly evolving field that influences all aspects of society. Psychologists work in traditional and nontraditional settings, including schools, hospitals, businesses, government, mental health organizations, laboratories and nonprofit organizations. We offer a wide array of courses that provide contemporary instruction in the major areas of the field. You can focus on a particular concentration, or sample more broadly among a wide variety of courses. Regardless of the approach you take, you'll graduate with a firm grasp of the field and a solid foundation for further education or fulfilling careers.

## Fields of Study

With more than 25 full-time, Ph.D. faculty, abundant opportunities for hands-on learning and courses offered in seven concentrations, our program provides you with a solid foundation to build upon.

- Clinical Psychology.
- Cognitive and Instructional Psychology.
- Developmental Psychology.
- Neuroscience and Behavior.
- School Psychology.
- Social Psychology.
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

Minors in Psychology or Cognitive Studies are also available.

## Engaged Learning

**Research:** All students majoring in psychology participate in a sequential set of learning experiences designed specifically to provide them with practice in conducting psychological research. You'll collaborate in groups to design a research study, conduct data analyses, write research reports and present findings.

**Independent Study:** You can enroll in independent study and receive course credit for working in a research lab or working with a faculty member on a research project.

**Internships:** An internship experience gives you a competitive edge by providing real-world experiences that complement your in-class work.

### Departmental Undergraduate Research Conference:

All students have the opportunity to present original research at this annual event. You'll prepare a poster to showcase your work, present findings and answer questions about your research. Faculty judges evaluate the quality of the posters and presentations.

**Join SPA!** The Student Psychological Association (SPA) is a student-run organization open to all majors. Join us to get to know our faculty, learn more about research experiences and find great volunteer opportunities.

## What can I do with this degree?

More than half of all psychology majors seek full-time jobs immediately upon graduating. Our graduates with bachelor's degrees in psychology have entered these fields:

- Advertising.
- Basic and applied research/development.
- Business merchandising, research and sales.
- Child care professional.
- Community mental health worker.
- Employment counselor.
- Foster care worker.
- Job evaluation/performance evaluation analyst.
- Marketing and public relations.
- Personnel selection and placement.
- Probation and parole officer.
- Social worker.
- Technical/scientific writing.
- Health-related service.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of psychologists is expected to grow 22 percentage through 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. Psychological services in schools, hospitals, mental health centers and social service agencies will be in greater demand. Job prospects are best for those with a doctoral degree in an applied specialty and those with a specialist or doctoral degree in school psychology.



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# Degree Requirements

We offer both the B.A. and B.S. degree option. Either program can be used to gain certification to teach social sciences at the junior and senior high school levels. A departmental honors program is offered for qualified majors. Successful completion of the program leads to graduation with honors in psychology.

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### Major Requirements

Total Hours for a Major in Psychology:  
38-51 (B.A.) or 49-51 (B.S.)

#### Requirements in Department (35 credit hours)

PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology  
PSYC 305 Research Methods

#### Two of the following:

PSYC 410 Experimental Psychology: Perception  
PSYC 411 Experimental Psychology:  
Conditioning and Learning  
PSYC 412 Experimental Psychology:  
Human Learning and Memory  
PSYC 413 Clinical Psychology Laboratory  
PSYC 431 Physiological Psychology  
PSYC 433 Social and Personality Laboratory  
PSYC 434 Industrial-Organizational Psychology Lab  
PSYC 464 Developmental Psychology Laboratory

#### B.A. Requirements

Fulfillment of foreign language requirement (0-12), involving four semesters of training in the same foreign language, or equivalent plus STAT 100 Basic Statistics or STAT 200 Elementary Statistics

#### B.S. Requirements

Fulfillment of quantitative and lab science requirements (14-16), involving math, statistics, and either computer science or a natural science (biology, chemistry, or physics) plus STAT 200 Elementary Statistics or STAT 300 Introduction to Probability and Statistics

### Electives

Electives in psychology (21 hours) to include at least 15 hours selected from 300-400 level courses. PSYC 485 may be included in these 21 hours for no more than 3 semester hours of credit.

PSYC 219 Positive Psychology  
PSYC 225 Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood  
PSYC 245 Thinking  
PSYC 300 Introduction to Brain and Behavior  
PSYC 315 Behavior Disturbances in Children  
PSYC 316 Introduction to Psychopathology  
PSYC 324 Developmental Child Psychology  
PSYC 332 Personality  
PSYC 345 Cognitive Psychology  
PSYC 351 Introduction to Psychological Tests  
PSYC 360 Motivation  
PSYC 372 Social Psychology  
PSYC 400 Psychology of Language  
PSYC 417 Principles of Behavior Modification  
PSYC 418 Introduction to Clinical Psychology  
PSYC 424 Adolescent Development  
PSYC 425 Adult Development and Aging  
PSYC 428 History of Psychology  
PSYC 465 Advanced Developmental Psychology  
PSYC 471 Industrial-Organizational Psychology  
PSYC 472 Group Processes  
PSYC 473 Social Judgment  
PSYC 474 Psychological Basis of Sexuality  
PSYC 475 Trauma Psychology  
PSYC 480 Psychology of Stress  
PSYC 481 Drugs and Behavior  
PSYC 485 Individual Study in Psychology  
PSYC 489 Cooperative Education/Internship  
PSYC 495 Seminar in Special Topics



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