



Psychology-Academic Research, M.A.

Cal Poly Humboldt's M.A. in Academic Research is a highly specialized program that provides a foundation in methodology and statistics, as well as in the theoretical frameworks for the major disciplines in psychology. It's an excellent program for students interested in research and data analysis in key areas of psychology, or for those interested in pursuing a Ph.D. Led by supportive faculty, our rigorous program is grounded in the practical experiences and theoretical backgrounds students need to be prepared for academia and the modern workforce.

Experience Your Learning

Hands-on learning experiences.

Work side-by-side with faculty conducting research in our 11 research labs.

Each year, dozens of Psychology students present their work at professional conferences, such as the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, the Society for Research on Adolescence, the International Society for Political Psychology, and the Western Psychological association conferences.

Facilities include research labs for neuroscience, social, developmental, and cognitive psychology; and research rooms with video equipment and one-way mirrors.

Did you know?

- **Choose from four options—Behavior Analysis, Neuroscience, Developmental Psychology, and Social/Cognitive Psychology.**
- **Enroll in the Academic Research program as a Psychology senior at Humboldt and earn your M.A. in Psychology—Academic Research in only one year as part of the Blended program.**
- **Complete your B.A. and M.A. in Psychology in as little as five years with our combined degree pathway.**



Academics & Options

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A two-year Master's degree program with a focus in one of four options.

- Behavior Analysis is the design, implementation, and evaluation of instructional and environmental modifications to improve human behavior through skill acquisition and by reducing challenging behavior. This option allows students to develop skills in clinical evaluation research, conducting visual analysis of behavioral data collected from service delivery to inform subsequent treatment decisions, and, more broadly, providing applied behavior analysis services for children and adults in areas including education, intellectual disabilities, major neurocognitive disorders, and autism spectrum disorders. This program provides the coursework that is required to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.
- Developmental Psychology examines social, emotional, and cognitive developmental processes within social and cultural contexts and their relationships with public policy and education. This program prepares graduates to work directly with children, youth, adults, families, and communities in diverse settings and for Ph.D. programs.
- Neuroscience is the study of the physiological bases of behavior, particularly how the brain affects behavior. This option provides an extensive background in the biological bases of behavior and numerous research opportunities. This option prepares students for research and analysis in neurological and biological fields and for Ph.D. programs in biological psychology and neuroscience.
- Social/Cognitive Psychology focuses on how thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are influenced by others and the processes underlying these influences. In particular, our faculty focus on group processes and intergroup relations and social influence. This option prepares students for related Ph.D. programs and careers in applied research.

Careers

The Psychology—Academic Research program provides students the research experience and analytical skills necessary to enter the workforce or pursue a Ph.D.

- Research Analyst
- Behavior Analyst
- College Instructor
- Data Analyst
- Evaluation Specialist
- Market Research Analyst
- Neuroscientist
- Program Evaluator
- University Faculty

