

# Psychology, B.A.

Students passionate about psychology come from around the world to study with our faculty. The psychology department's rigorous program is grounded in the scientific and practical experience that students need to be prepared for today's workforce and/or a postbaccalaureate degree. The psychology program will prepare students to work in various fields such as health, education, research, or business. Students are able to make connections with faculty, staff, and other students. Faculty's diverse academic backgrounds support students in choosing the right academic and career paths. The faculty will provide individualized mentorship by working directly with students through their classes, research, and advising.

### **Experience Your Learning**

Students participate in several hands-on learning opportunities and earn units toward their degree.

Students have the opportunity to conduct research in faculty-led labs in areas including: Neuroscience, social identity, developmental, cognitive, and health.

Each year, many Psychology students attend and present their research at professional events, such as the Western Psychological Association conference.

Students complete their own project when they enroll in an independent studies course or senior honors thesis.

# X Did you know?

- Students find rewarding careers in health, human services, social welfare, education, business, law, medicine, and other fields.
- Students are routinely accepted into master's and Ph.D. programs.
- We prepare students to apply their knowledge and skills from psychology to create a socially just and equitable society.
- Our courses address the impact of culture and context on human functioning, fostering an appreciation for differences through research and applied experiences.





# **Academics & Options**

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Psychology is a broad field comprised of many specialties and will prepare students for a broad range of careers.

Students develop highly marketable skills such as the ability to collect, organize, analyze, and interpret data; write reports; exhibit interpersonal skills; and communicate effectively. An undergraduate degree is valuable in many health, behavioral, and mental health positions, and for careers in areas such as research, human resources, management training, customer relations, college admissions, and more.

Current qualified students who are juniors can apply to be admitted to the Blended program in Academic Research. Students begin working on a Master's degree in their senior year. They will then complete their Master's degree in a final fifth year in the program. The Behavior Analysis emphasis is not available as part of the blended program.

#### **Get Involved**

#### The Psychology Club/Psi Chi

Open to all students who have an interest in psychology, the club works closely with Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology majors. We have a local chapter of Psi Chi.

#### Scholars of Academic Research (SOAR)

For undergrad and graduate students, the club strives to create and foster an environment that encourages students' interest in psychological research. SOAR hosts Psyc Talks, a speaker series featuring research, and applied work in psychology.

### Latiné Psychological Association (LPA)

The Latiné Psychological Association provides academic and professional development opportunities. It creates a supportive community by fostering a safe and inclusive environment by celebrating and honoring shared identities and culture characterized by many strengths. The club is open to students of all majors and racial/ethnic backgrounds.

# **Funding Opportunities**

#### **Chester Collins Scholarship**

Awarded to graduate or undergraduate Psychology majors who have shown involvement in and commitment to the discipline of Psychology.

#### **Gardner Research Assistantship**

Awarded to undergraduate Psychology majors working in research labs to help them prepare for graduate or professional programs.

# **Careers**

A broad field comprised of many different specialties, Psychology can be applied to nearly any career. When you graduate from our program you will be prepared for the workforce with highly marketable skills and the knowledge that is essential in today's world.

- Behavioral Technician
- Clinical Psychologist
- Data Analyst
- Day Care Center Director
- Neuroscientist
- Police Officer
- Social Worker
- Therapist
- Trauma Specialist



