



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, as well as 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

Work side-by-side with faculty conducting research in any of the 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.

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

Did you know?

- **Students in their junior year can apply to the Blended program in Academic Research and begin working on a Master's degree which they will then complete in a final fifth year in the program. The Behavior Analysis emphasis is not available as part of the blended program.**
- **Academic Research teaches critical thinking skills and the ability to understand complex research and apply that understanding statistical understanding to many forms of news and media.**



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, use, and evaluation of instructional and environmental modifications to produce improvements in human behavior. The BA emphasis develops skills in conducting research and providing applied interventions for children and adults in areas including education, developmental disabilities, and behavioral consulting. This program is designed to provide the coursework that constitutes part of the requirements for becoming a board certified behavior analyst.
- **Developmental Psychology** examines social, emotional, and cognitive developmental processes within social and cultural contexts and their relationships with educators, children, youth, adults, families, and communities in diverse settings.
- **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.
- **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.

Careers

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

- Behavior Analyst
- College or University faculty
- Data Analyst
- Market Research Analyst
- Program Evaluator
- Research Analyst

