

PSYCHOLOGY (B.A.)

The psychology program prepares students for success in a graduate program in psychology and/or a career in a psychology related field. The program exposes students to the methodologies, problems, bodies of knowledge, and broad range of perspectives found currently in psychology.

Students majoring in psychology will gain an understanding of

1. the scientific applications in psychology
2. individual differences
3. the biological basis of behavior
4. the social basis of behavior

Core courses in the major provide students with the fundamentals for understanding psychology as a science. Elective courses expand and enhance students' knowledge through a variety of topics such as child and adolescent psychology, counseling, motivation, personality, and culture and psychology. Psychology majors also have the opportunity to be involved in practica that provide them with real-world experiences working in the field of psychology. They may also conduct independent research with faculty members exploring topics beyond the available curriculum. Especially motivated students may participate in the honors program in which they develop, carry out, and present a research project.

Psychology majors are employed in diverse fields and many go on to attain masters and doctoral degrees. The program prepares them to meet those challenges.