

## Psychology Major Requirements

Thirty hours of coursework must be completed successfully to fulfill department requirements. Majors must take PSCL 101 (or have 4 or 5 on the AP Psychology test) and PSCL 282 (or approved equivalent). In addition, two courses from each of the following lists are required:

Select 2 of the following nomothetic courses:

- PSCL 315 Social Psychology
- PSCL 352 Physiological Psychology
- PSCL 353 Psychology of Learning
- PSCL 357 Cognitive Psychology

Select 2 of the following idiographic courses:

- PSCL 230 Child Psychology
- PSCL 313 Psychology of Personality
- PSCL 321 Abnormal Psychology
- PSCL 325 Psychotherapy & Personality Change
- PSCL 369 Adult Development & Aging

The remaining 12 hours are taken from electives chosen by the student in collaboration with their advisor.

## Research Opportunities

We strongly encourage all undergraduate psychology majors, especially those interested in PhD programs, to become involved in research activities. Students should discuss with their advisors how to become involved in research and reach out to department faculty to ask about potential research opportunities in their labs.

## A Major in Psychology

This degree offers students preparation for a variety of careers. It provides the basis for service-oriented professions such as social work, counseling, and special education. Students who pursue graduate degrees often work in teaching and research or applied human services. In addition, psychology provides knowledge and understanding that can be used in other professions, including all health professions, law and business.

## A Minor in Psychology

Students who wish to minor in Psychology must take PSCL 101, plus four other Psychology courses, for a total of 15 hours. The classes are chosen by the student in collaboration with their advisor. Practica and independent study are available, but may not be used to satisfy the Minor requirement.



## Undergraduate Programs in Psychology

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## OUR FACULTY & SPECIALTIES

**Arin Connell** Depression, Substance Abuse, & Family Functioning

**Heath Demaree** Emotional & Cognitive Processing

**Anastasia Dimitropoulos** Neurodevelopmental Disorders

**Julie Exline** Psychology of Religion & Spirituality

**Norah Feeny** Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

**Grover Gilmore** Perceptual development and aging

**Robert Greene** Human Learning & Memory

**Sarah Hope Lincoln** Social Dysfunction

**Brooke Macnamara** Skill Acquisition, Learning, & Expertise

**James Overholser** Depression & Suicide

**Amy Przeworski** Anxiety Disorders, Stress, and Diversity

**Sandra Russ** Pretend Play

**Elizabeth Short** Disparity in Cognitive & Emotional Function

**Lee Thompson** Behavioral Genetics & Cognitive Development

## Why Choose Us?

- Close student-faculty relationship
- Opportunities for individualized study & research
- Undergraduate seminars & practicum in hospitalized child psychology in partnership with Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital
- Hands-on research in departmental labs

## Psychology Honors Program

Qualified psychology majors are encouraged to consider the department's Honors Program which leads to a BA with honors in psychology. The program's purpose is to provide an intensive, supervised research. Completion of the Honors Program also satisfies the SAGES capstone graduation requirement. Only those students majoring in psychology with a serious interest in the behavioral sciences should consider completing the Honors Program.

## Pathways for Customizing your major

**Pathways** are structured to help you define your areas of study based on your professional goals.

### CLINICAL

For those interested in clinical psychology and pursuing a career in clinical research, therapy, or counseling.



### LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT

For those interested in working with people throughout their lives; those pursuing careers in clinical psychology or speech-language pathology.



### PRE-HEALTH

For those interested in health-related fields such as medicine, nursing, allied-health professions, and hospital administration, to name a few.



### NEUROSCIENCE

For those interested in pursuing research in cognitive neuroscience, social neuroscience, clinical neuroscience, or affective neuroscience.



### RESEARCH

For those considering a career in research. Areas include academia (professor), nonprofit (NIH), and Public/private institutions (hospitals, government, military).

