

PSYCHOLOGY

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Undergraduate Degrees Offered:

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Minor in Psychology

“In virtually any of our 24 programs within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, our students get a solid and theoretical background and a chance to see how these theories fit the world outside the classroom.”

-Duncan Carter, Ph.D., Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

The Department of Psychology mission includes a commitment to scholarly inquiry focused on real-world problems and a strong focus on field research. Applied psychology has the goal of advancing knowledge through a scientific approach to human behavior and experience while addressing significant issues facing society. The program serves students intending to do professional work in the field; liberal arts majors who are interested in psychology as part of a liberal arts education; and students of other social sciences or professional fields, including education, the health professions, business or law, or who seek a working knowledge of psychological principles.

Major Requirements

In addition to the general University requirements, the psychology major must complete eight credits of statistics and a minimum of 48 credits in psychology courses. The 48 hours include eight hours of introductory psychology (PSY 200 and 204), PSY 321 (Research Methods) and 36 hours of upper-division courses, at least 16 of which must be at the 400 level. Students seeking a minor in psychology must complete a minimum of 28 credits in psychology, including eight hours of introductory psychology.

All majors are encouraged to begin their work in statistics as soon as possible in preparation for PSY 321, which is a prerequisite for many of the upper-division courses. Beyond taking courses in a range of subjects in psychology, majors are also encouraged to take courses in human culture and society, human biology, and philosophy of science.

The Department of Psychology advising program for undergraduates includes 1) Orientation Advising 2) Peer Advising 3) Individual Faculty Advising and 4) Career Advising sessions. Students are strongly encouraged to schedule an orientation advising session soon in their program, and to then seek out an individual faculty adviser. Information on the program and sign-up sheets are posted on the advising board in the Department of Psychology.

Faculty

PSU's Psychology Department focuses on applied aspects of psychology. The department emphasizes the application of psychological theory and research to problems of contemporary society. Our faculty offers expertise in: Applied Social Psychology (Soc); Applied Developmental Psychology (Dev); Industrial-Organizational Psychology (I/O); Community Psychology (Com); and Applied Quantitative Psychology (Quant). Diverse faculty interests include:

- Dr. Barry Anderson (Emeritus, Cog): Decision making; judgment
- Dr. Todd Bodner (Quant): Quantitative methods; meta-analysis
- Dr. Sherwin Davidson (Chair): Career and work psychology; gender in organizations; women and leadership
- Dr. Janice Haaken (Soc): Psychology of women; psychoanalysis and feminism, violence and abuse, documentary filmmaking
- Dr. Leslie Hammer (I/O): Work and family; occupational health psychology
- Dr. Keith James (I/O): Creativity, innovation, and change; workplace identity; Native community development
- Dr. Keith Kaufman (Com): Child sexual abuse prevention; family systems
- Dr. Thomas Kinderman (Dev): Life-span development; peer group formation
- Dr. Eric Mankowski (Soc): Self-help groups; psychology of men
- Dr. Gabriela Martorell (Dev): Mother-infant attachment, cortisol and stress, high risk populations
- Dr. Katherine McDonald (Com): Ecological theory and social action; community integration of individuals with disabilities
- Dr. Dalton Miller-Jones (Dev): Culture and development; reading acquisition
- Dr. Cynthia Mohr (Soc): Interpersonal relationships and alcohol use
- Dr. Kerth O'Brien (Soc): Social roles; social ties and preventive health
- Dr. Robert Roeser (Dev): Adolescent development, identity, motivation, teachers and schools, mindfulness
- Dr. Ellen Skinner (Dev): Motivation and coping; development of perceived control
- Dr. Cathleen Smith (Emeritus, Dev): Life-span development; work and family
- Dr. Donald Truxillo (I/O): Job analysis; personnel selection
- Dr. Mo Wang (I/O): Aging and work; expatriates
- Dr. Frank Wesley (Emeritus)

Practicum Opportunities

Students in the psychology program are involved in practica, research teams, and the capstone experience. Each of these, in one way or another, provides the student with the opportunity to apply the psychological knowledge they have acquired while obtaining experience in work and community settings. Due to its central metropolitan location, PSU offers students many excellent opportunities to obtain field experience, including through practicum settings and field research.

Graduates

Students who complete the undergraduate program in psychology at PSU follow many career paths. Some graduates pursue careers in a variety of business settings, including public relations, human resources, marketing, and management. Graduates are found in the public sector in health and child care agencies, and police and probation work. Many also apply to graduate programs in masters or doctoral programs in psychology, or pursue professional or graduate training in fields such as the health professions, education, social work, or law.

Scholarships

For a complete listing of Portland State's scholarships, visit the website at www.pdx.edu/finaid/scholarships.html. You may also contact the scholarship coordinator at 503-725-5445.

Clubs and Organizations

The department supports an active Psi Chi chapter which offers a variety of functions intended to enrich student experiences, foster undergraduates' acceptance into psychology graduate programs, and facilitate the pursuit of careers in the field. Psi Chi programs have included: a practice GRE; faculty research discussions; faculty-student socials; and efforts to involve students in faculty research projects.

Requirements of all psychology majors:

Psy 200, 204 (8)

Psy 321 (4)

Plus 36 credits of upper-division psychology courses (300- and 400- level), including at least 16 credits from courses listed as 410 to 498, and excluding courses numbered 399 and 401 to 409, inclusive (36)

Minimum total within psychology (48)

Minimum total requirement for the major (56)

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Requirements for Major

In addition to meeting the general University degree requirements, the student majoring in psychology must meet the following requirements:

Credits

Requirements outside of psychology:

Stat 243 (4)

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Minimum total credits outside of psychology (8)

Note: Degree requirements are subject to change.