PSYCHOLOGY

Program Description

The Psychology program provides students with a working knowledge of the methods and findings of modern psychology. Students may pursue the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology that is congruent with APA guidelines for the undergraduate psychology major. All majors are required to complete some laboratory coursework in which they conduct psychological science research using modern statistical analyses. Internships are available for senior psychology majors and are based on student interest and availability in the local community. Students majoring in psychology are prepared to work in a wide variety of settings, including human services (counseling and social work), public affairs, business, sales, criminal justice and (following graduate study) mental health counseling, teaching, and research. The Psychology program provides a strong foundation for graduate study in psychology and related disciplines.

The Psychology program sponsors the Psychology Club, NAMI on Campus, and a local chapter of the national honor society in psychology, Psi Chi. Through active membership in these organizations, students are encouraged to become involved in community service and to attend and present their research at regional and national psychology conferences.

A minor in psychology requires the student to acquire working knowledge of the methods and findings of modern psychology. To earn the minor, a student must take the research methods course, along with several topical courses in psychology. A student with this minor will have a deeper understanding of the processes that shape behavior, which can then be applied to a wide variety of areas.

A minor in forensic investigation – psychology provides students a base in forensic psychology. Students may be better prepared to enter graduate programs in forensic psychology. Students will be better prepared to use psychological concepts in criminal justice investigation jobs.

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Programs of Study Bachelors/Minors

- Counseling Psychology, Psychology (BA)
- Forensic Investigation Psychology (Minor)
- Psychology (BA)
- <u>Psychology (Minor)</u>