



WASHINGTON
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JEFFERSON
COLLEGE

Psychology

The Psychology major teaches students to employ scientific methods in laboratory and field settings to learn about behavior and the variables that affect it, in preparation for graduate programs, professional and medical schools, and/or careers in psychology or related fields. Psychologists study behavior from a wide range of perspectives that include social, clinical, physiological, developmental, organizational, and cognitive psychology. The Psychology Department offers a variety of experiences that facilitate our majors' abilities to apply psychological content and skills to their career goals.

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Major Requirements

PSY 101 Elementary Psychology Part I

PSY 102 Elementary Psychology Part II

2 Introductory CORE courses from:

PSY 225 Social Psychology

PSY 235 Personality

PSY 245 Abnormal Psychology

PSY 265 Developmental Psychology

PSY 275 Cognitive Psychology

PSY 295 Industrial Organizational Psych

NSC 210 Introduction to Neuroscience

Reading and Discussing Research Articles:

300-Level Psychology Seminar

Learning to do Psychological Research:

MTH 125 Probability & Statistics

PSY 215 Experimental Psychology

400-Level Advanced Laboratory capstone

Exploring specific interests:

Psychology Elective (any PSY course)

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A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.

Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Internships

Psychology majors have completed internships in a variety of settings including: inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment centers (e.g., Southwood Psychiatric Hospital), drug and alcohol treatment facilities (e.g., Gateway Rehab. Center), human resource departments, prisons, schools, Child Protective Services, attorneys' offices, medical facilities and research laboratories.

Careers

Psychology majors go on to successful careers in a wide variety of fields including:

- mental health (e.g. therapist, school psychologist, clinical social worker)
- legal professions (e.g. forensic psychologist)
- medical professions (e.g. occupational therapist)
- business (e.g. human resources, marketing)
- education (e.g., teacher, professor)

Research

- Independent Study or Honors Projects
- Presentation of Capstone, Independent Study, or Honors Projects to the campus community at the end of term Poster Session
- Presentation of Capstone, Independent Study, or Honors Projects at Undergraduate Conferences
- Presentations at Regional Professional Meetings
- Off-campus Summer Research Experiences