

PSYCHOLOGY



The Department of Psychology provides excellence in teaching, advisement and mentoring towards developing competent and responsible citizens who apply psychological principles in their workplaces, in their studies, in their communities and in their lives.

DEGREES/CONCENTRATIONS

BACHELOR DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY

The undergraduate program in psychology exposes students to both the humanistic and the more traditional experimental approaches to the study of behavior. Curriculum flexibility allows psychology majors to prepare for graduate training in psychology and related fields, or for employment in a variety of human service or business and industrial areas.

WITH A PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE:

- **You will** understand psychology, including major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings and historical trends.
- **You will** be able to read and evaluate the appropriateness of conclusions stated in published research articles.
- **You will** be able to apply your knowledge in areas such as the design, execution and presentation of research.
- **You will** be able to demonstrate information and technological literacy.
- **You will** be able to demonstrate sensitivity to and respect for diversity.
- **You will** be able to apply your knowledge in many settings.
- **You will** be able to demonstrate skills for effective communication.
- **You will** be prepared for graduate school or the workforce.

MINORS

The psychology major offers students the flexibility to minor in a wide range of fields, including African-American studies, biology, business, criminology, communications, gerontology, Latino studies and women's studies.



"My undergraduate degree from Millersville provided a foundation in psychological science that has served me throughout my career."

– David B. Baker, Ph.D., Director of the Archives of the History of Psychology

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Most graduate programs in psychology emphasize the importance of undergraduate research when describing the *ideal applicant*. Millersville's psychology students have the opportunity to work with the guidance of faculty mentors on a wide variety of investigative projects. Undergraduate research can be conducted as part of the normal course load, and interested students of all academic standings are encouraged to participate. The **Departmental Honors Program** provides the most rigorous research opportunity for superior and highly motivated students to intensively and independently pursue a specialized area of interest.





INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Junior and senior psychology majors may enroll in a special **Directed Projects** course, which provides a supervised field experience that involves the application of psychological principles. Students may choose an experience from a variety of areas related to psychology, including human services, mental health, education, human resources and other related fields. Sophomores through seniors may also complete Internship and Co-op for credit through Millersville's Experiential Learning and Career Management Center.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The Psychology Club – provides a variety of events and opportunities for psychology majors. Throughout the year, the club sponsors videos and speakers on relevant topics. It also hosts events that involve students and faculty in an informal setting.

Psi Chi National Honors Society in Psychology – Membership in this national society is based upon accumulated GPA. Psi Chi is also a service organization that participates in a National Service Project, such as providing eyeglasses for the needy and adopt-a-shelter (Clare House). In addition, Psi Chi sponsors alumni speakers and discussion forums that are open to all students.

FACILITIES

Students have access to computer facilities, an animal laboratory, a clinic, a neurophysiology laboratory and a wide variety of experimental apparatuses.

FACULTY

Areas of expertise include developmental psychology, cognitive psychology, counseling, psychopathology, perception, neuroscience, human-animal bond, social psychology, health psychology, learning and memory, industrial psychology, school psychology, history of psychology, and statistics and research design.



GRADUATE SCHOOL AND CAREERS

Approximately half of our graduates attend graduate school (at Millersville and elsewhere), and most of those obtain advanced degrees in the many fields of psychology as well as complementary fields, including business, English, law, medicine, philosophy, political science, mental health, general healthcare, human resources in business and government, advertising and marketing, and animal behavior.



"The Millersville University Psychology Honors program was instrumental in preparing me for graduate study."

– James Mantell, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology, St. Mary's College of Maryland



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