

DISCOVER PSYCHOLOGY AT PACIFIC

The Department of Psychology is a large, thriving community where students are exposed to several fascinating areas of study including behavioral, biological, clinical, cognitive, developmental and social psychology.

Students may study topics such as parenting; obesity and physical activity; social and emotional development in infants, toddlers, and preschoolers; smoking, alcohol and drug use; sustainability; assessment and treatment of severe problem behavior in children; autism; honesty in children and adolescents; and improving communication skills in adolescents with autism spectrum disorders.

Psychology students have the opportunity to meet and work closely with a faculty that actively contributes to the field of psychology by researching, publishing, and presenting in their areas of expertise. But our faculty's most important contribution is teaching and guiding students, who can always count on faculty support in achieving their goals.

Our students graduate with valuable research and applied experience, which greatly increases their attractiveness as future employees, graduate students, or professional school students.

THE MAJOR

The Department of Psychology offers a BS in psychology, as well as a MA program with two fields of concentration: Applied Behavior Analysis, and Doctoral Preparation. Students may take courses to study parenting, children learning moral concepts, adolescents, adults who are depressed or anxious, and people who have chronic health problems. All of the programs of study offered by the department are designed to help students understand the behavior of human beings and other organisms.

The department also offers a minor in psychology for students committed to a different academic major.

THE EXPERIENCE

Whether pursuing a common goal on a research project or analyzing a film after a Psychology Club movie night, our students enjoy each other's company both academically and socially. Many students participate in the department's Community Re-Entry Program that helps mentally disabled individuals reintegrate into the community.

THE OUTCOMES

Beyond personal development, the knowledge and skills acquired from a psychology degree have application to a wide variety of careers that students thrive in following graduation, including business, marketing, consulting, law, human resources, public health, social work, social policy, medicine, education, and the arts.

STUDENT VOICE

"Pacific faculty from the psychology department have played an instrumental role in not only my success as a student, but also in my professional and civic endeavors. Their mentorship and guidance paved the way for me to achieve my dreams."

AROOSA AHMED
BS in Psychology

OVERVIEW

Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Science
Master of Arts

Majors Offered

Psychology

Minors Offered

Psychology

The programs of study offered by the Psychology Department are designed to help the student understand the behavior of human beings and other organisms. Behavior is a complicated subject, whether it's a high school student trying to solve mathematics problems or a puppy learning

to retrieve. As a result, there are many ways to understand it. Behavioral variety is reflected in both the course offerings of our department and in the interests of the faculty. Students may study parenting, children learning moral concepts, adolescents, adults who are depressed or anxious, and people who have chronic health problems, all in one academic year.

This diversity of interests and activities is tied together by the faculty's commitment to scientific inquiry. Throughout their coursework, students learn how to answer questions about behavior through empirical research and theoretical analysis.

Several objectives can be met by studying psychology at the University which includes increased understanding of behavior, career preparation, and post-graduate studies preparation.

FACULTY

Scott A. Jensen, Associate Professor and Chair
Mahshid Ghaemmaghami, Assistant Professor
Jessica Grady, Assistant Professor

Carolynn S. Kohn, Associate Professor
Matthew P. Normand, Associate Professor
Corey Stocco, Assistant Professor

PSYCHOLOGY COURSES

PSYC 001. Orientation to the Psychology Major. 1 Unit.
PSYC 002. Professional Development in Psychology. 1 Unit.
PSYC 015. Cognitive Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 017. Abnormal and Clinical Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 029. Developmental Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 031. Introduction to Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 053. Behavioral Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 066. Human Sexuality. 4 Units.
PSYC 069. Social Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 079. Sensation and Perception. 4 Units.
PSYC 087. Internship. 1-4 Units.
PSYC 089. Practicum. 1-4 Units.
PSYC 101. Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology I. 5 Units.
PSYC 102. Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology II. 5 Units.
PSYC 103. Statistical Inference in Behavioral Sciences. 4 Units.
PSYC 105. Experimental Psychology. 5 Units.
PSYC 107. Psychology of Learning. 4 Units.
PSYC 109. Biological Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 110. Psychoactive Drugs and Behavior. 4 Units.
PSYC 111. Abnormal Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 115. Advanced Lab in Cognitive Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 117. Advanced Lab in Clinical Psychology. 4 Units.

PSYC 118. Advanced Lab in Child Clinical Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 125. History and Systems of Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 129. Advanced Lab in Developmental Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 131. Adolescence and Young Adulthood. 4 Units.
PSYC 133. Adulthood and Aging. 4 Units.
PSYC 140. Psychology of Gender. 4 Units.
PSYC 144. Psychological Assessment. 4 Units.
PSYC 149. Sensation and Perception. 4 Units.
PSYC 152. Parenting. 4 Units.
PSYC 153. Advanced Lab in Behavioral Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 154. Child Mental Health. 4 Units.
PSYC 155. Couples and Family Therapy. 4 Units.
PSYC 156. Behavioral Medicine/Health Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 158. Behavioral Assessment. 4 Units.
PSYC 162. Ethical Behavior. 4 Units.
PSYC 166. Psychology of Personality. 4 Units.
PSYC 167. Psychology and the Law. 4 Units.
PSYC 169. Advanced Lab in Social Psychology. 4 Units.
PSYC 183. Research Design. 4 Units.
PSYC 187. Internship. 1-4 Units.
PSYC 189. Practicum. 4 Units.
PSYC 189A. Applied Psychology Practicum. 4 Units.
PSYC 191. Independent Study. 1-4 Units.
PSYC 195. Seminar. 4 Units.
PSYC 197. Independent Research. 1-4 Units.