Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Psychology

Students in the Department of Psychology explore 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 faculty who actively contribute to the field of psychology by researching, publishing and presenting in their areas of expertise. Our faculty are committed to teaching, guiding and supporting students to achieve their goals.

Our students graduate with valuable research and applied experience that prepares them to be successful employees, graduate students and professional school students.

**PROGRAM FEATURES**

| Psychology Club | Research Opportunities | Community Re-entry Program | Visiting Scholars Program |

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The Major
The Department of Psychology offers a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Master of Arts 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 are designed to help students understand the behavior of human beings.

The department also offers a minor in psychology for students who wish to complement their major in another discipline.

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, which helps mentally disabled individuals reintegrate into the community.

Overview
The programs of study help students understand behavior, which 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.

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.

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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.

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