

# Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study and application of knowledge concerning the behavioral and cognitive processes of humans and other animals. The Psychology Department offers a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Psychology. This degree prepares students for employment in applied settings or for graduate study in psychology and related fields. Students who choose not to continue toward a graduate degree may find employment in a wide variety of organizations and agencies as well as in research settings where knowledge of behavior and cognition is useful. For such students, a B.S. in psychology offers a broad liberal arts background. Those students who obtain an advanced degree (typically an M.S. or a Ph.D.) may find employment in research settings, academic settings, or private practice, although individuals with advanced degrees also work in a wide variety of other organizations.

The psychology curriculum introduces students to the basic scientific and applied areas of the discipline. It emphasizes theories, methods, and terminology, as well as research findings in each of psychology's major subareas. Students learn about various research methods used to study psychological phenomena, as well as the strengths and limitations of each. Students conduct psychological research or perform fieldwork in a setting related to psychology, gaining experience that forms the basis for the Senior Thesis Capstone course.

## Prerequisite Requirements

Any student who enrolls in a psychology course without having passed all prerequisite(s) with a "C" or better grade will be required to withdraw from the course.

## Undergraduate Programs

- Psychological Science and Applied Psychology Options (<http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/psychology/psychological-science-applied-psychology-options>)
- Psychology Minor (Non-Teaching) (<http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/psychology/psychology-minor-nonteaching>)

The program leading to a B.S. degree offers psychological science and applied psychology options. Within these options, students select the appropriate psychology electives and career electives in consultation with their advisors based on the student's career goals and interests. Options and electives are described below. Psychology majors and minors cannot have a grade less than "C" in a PSYX course used to satisfy graduation requirements.

### Applied Psychology Option

Students interested in areas of applied psychology such as counseling, industrial/organizational psychology, human resource management, or organizational behavior, may consider the Applied Psychology Option and may choose elective courses in such disciplines as health and human development, business, management, industrial and management engineering, or statistics.

### Psychological Science Option

Students more interested in research-based graduate programs in psychology areas such as cognition, social, neuroscience, or health, or those interested in medical school. Students may choose elective courses in related disciplines such as cell biology and neuroscience, political science, sociology, or statistics.

Students interested in advanced study in clinical psychology may follow either the Psychological Science Option or the Applied Psychology

Option and should choose elective courses in such disciplines as human development, pre-med, or statistics.

Students in either psychology option should consider developing a minor or second major in an area that enhances career interests. Information regarding these options is available through the Psychology Advising Office, Psychology Faculty Advisors, and the Psychology Department website (<http://www.montana.edu/psychology>).

## Graduate Program

- Ph.D. in Psychological Science (<http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/psychology>)

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