

PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY

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PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Psychology majors have the option of pursuing courses leading to a B.A. or B.S. in psychology. The coursework for both degrees provides a solid and broad foundation in psychological science, and small class sizes and experienced faculty afford students the opportunity to develop, conduct, and report their own research projects, a necessary proficiency for graduate students and professionals. Students also have the opportunity to attend regional conferences such as the Eastern Psychological Association conference.

MAJORS**B.A. in Psychology**

This degree equips students with specialized knowledge and critical thinking and communication skills to excel in graduate study and in a variety of careers. Students complete 48 credit hours of course requirements in addition to the College core curriculum.

B.S. in Psychology

This degree equips students with the specialized knowledge and critical thinking and research skills to excel in both graduate study and in a variety of careers. Students complete 54 credit hours of course requirements in addition to the College core curriculum. This degree offers greater exposure to the natural sciences, including additional experimental coursework, than the B.A. in psychology.

MINORS**Minor in Psychology**

Students complete 18 credit hours of course requirements and gain a foundational understanding of the important theories, methods, and research findings of psychology and are prepared to relate psychological knowledge to their primary field of study.

Minor in Family Studies

This interdisciplinary minor requires 19 credit hours for completion. Students gain a foundational understanding of the important theories, methods, and research findings of psychological science as it relates to the study of the family as a social institution.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL AREAS OF INTEREST

Each year several of our majors present the results of their research at professional society annual meetings, such as the Eastern Psychological Association. Some of our majors also publish their research projects in professional journals. Other opportunities include: Psi Chi (International Honorary in Psychology), SSWAPA (Sociology, Social Work and Psychology Association) and I/O Psychology Club (Industrial/Organizational Psychology)

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

PSYC 404: Advanced Research Methods provides all psychology majors with the opportunity to design, conduct, analyze and report on their own research project.

INTERSHIPS

Many psychology majors intern at nonprofit organizations and counseling agencies nationwide during the summer following their sophomore and/or junior years. Students are assisted in identifying an internship opportunity and guided in connecting experiential and classroom learning in preparation for future employment. Recently, students have interned with George Junior Republic, The Susan B. Anthony List, Light of Life Rescue Mission, United States Probation Office and the Family & Children Faith Coalition.

CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Most majors secure jobs or go on to advanced study in psychology, or health-related fields such as medicine, physical therapy, or other graduate and professional schools. Recent grads have entered into programs at Auburn University, Regent University, University of South Carolina and Xavier University, among others.

I chose psychology because Grove City College requires psychology students to take a research course in which they develop, run and present a study. This gives us an edge when competing for coveted spots in graduate school.

– Sara George '13



Grove City College is a highly ranked, nationally recognized private liberal arts and sciences college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through an academically excellent and Christ-centered learning and living experience distinguished by a commitment to affordability and promotion of the Christian worldview, the foundations of a free society and the love of neighbor. Established in 1876, the College is a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers students degrees in 60 majors on a picturesque 180-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, Pa. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes.

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