Psychology
Social & Behavioral Sciences

Psychology is the study of cognitions, emotions, and behavior. Our Psychology major presents the scientific and professional aspects of the field and includes applied and experimental coursework, laboratory experiences and fieldwork. A wide variety of courses provide students the opportunity to explore the field of psychology in depth. Our outstanding faculty are dedicated to the highest standards in teaching. We are a student-centered department.

CAREER OPTIONS
A wide variety of careers requiring critical thinking, communication skills, analytical skills, and knowledge of human behavior are available to our graduates. Psychology is a useful major for anyone planning to work with people. Many of our majors will enter a wide variety of careers by applying these skills to any employment setting. Psychology majors will find a wide variety of career fields in business, industry and government. Some career fields may require additional education and/or experience. Psychology majors often continue their education in graduate and professional schools in order to become a specialist in specific fields of psychology. It is also excellent preparation for law school, medical/dental school, and related doctoral programs.

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS
Public and Private Business Organizations
Colleges and Universities
Consulting Firms
Courts and Correctional Institutions
Department of Recreation
Government Agencies
Hospitals and Clinics
Labor Unions
Merchandising and Marketing Companies
Non-Profit Organizations
Public and Private Schools
Public Relations Firms
Research & Development Firms
Social Service Agencies

EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY OUTLOOK
The National Association of Colleges and Employers reports that incomes for entry level psychology majors is increasing. Employment opportunities depend greatly on the area of specialization and degree held by individuals and the type of employment they are seeking. Demand is greater for psychology majors with the increased emphasis on health maintenance and public concern for the development of human resources. The number of psychologists employed by state and local agencies, mental hospitals, and mental hygiene clinics is expected to increase, and community health centers will need many clinical, counseling, social, and physiological psychologists. More than one quarter of all psychologists is self-employed. Salaries will vary by size and type of employer, geographic location, coursework, and level of education and related experience.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Emphasis on a quality teaching-learning environment
Research experience as part of the degree program
Outstanding and diverse faculty
Recognized scholars
Experienced, practicing professionals
State-of-the-art classrooms, equipment and laboratories
Departmental Honors Program
Independent study
Internship program provides real-life experience
Minor available
Graduate programs (see separate fact sheet for details)
M.S. in Clinical/Counseling psychology
M.S. in Industrial-Organizational psychology
M.A. in General-Experimental psychology
M.A. in Child Development
PSYCHOLOGY COURSES AND REQUIREMENTS

Introduction to Psychology
Psychology as a Major
Critical Thinking Through Problems Analysis
Personal & Social Adjustment
Career Development
Developmental Psychology
Psychological Statistics
Introduction to Child Development
Psychology of Human Sexuality
Management & Organizational Behavior
Parenting & Family Relations
Language Development
Psychology and the Movies
Applied Research Methods
Introduction to Experimental Psychology
Communication Processes
Health Psychology
Psychology of Middle Childhood
Developmental Psychobiology
Psychology of Adolescent Development
Psychology of Adulthood & Aging
The Psychology of Women
Drugs & Behavior
Addiction & Recovery
Human Psychophysiology
Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Discrimination
Women and Violence
Cross-Cultural Psychology
The Psychology of Gays & Lesbians
Development of Exceptional Children
Behavior Modification: Principles & Applications
Industrial Psychology
History & Systems of Psychology
Cognitive Development
Cognitive Psychology
Intelligence and Creativity
Learning & Motivation
Biological Psychology
Perception
Cognitive Neuroscience
Neuropsychiatric Disorders
Topics in Psychology
Psychology of Death and Dying
Seminar in Psychology
Tests & Measurements
Psychology of Social Behavior
Personality & Social Development
Personality
Introduction to Psychotherapy
Community Psychology
Abnormal Psychology
Psychopathology of Childhood
Psychology of Consciousness
Child Assessment
Advanced Psychological Statistics
Series in Advanced Seminars: Developmental, Clinical, Biological, Social, Personality, Learning & Motivation, Cognition & Perception, or Industrial & Organizational
Series in Experimental Psychology: Developmental, Clinical, Biological, Social, Personality, Learning & Motivation, Cognition & Perception, or Industrial & Organizational
Behavioral Neuroscience
Introduction to Psychopharmacology
Work, Retirement, and Leisure
Internship
Independent Study
Practicum in Psychology: Peer Advising
Honors Seminar
Honors Project

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students interested in the Psychology major must complete the requirements for a “Pre-Psychology major.” For information about becoming a Psychology major at CSUSB, please consult the University Bulletin and the Department of Psychology for details.

The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology requires a minimum of 180 quarter units: 78-82 units in general education courses; 66-68 units in psychology major courses; 30-36 units in electives

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