

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.

CAREER FIELDS

Adoption Counselor
Advertising
Administrative Assistant
Behavior Analyst
Career Counselor
Case Worker
Child Development Teacher
Claims Specialist
Community Relations Officer
Counseling Psychologist Data Analyst
Customer Relations
Day Care Center Supervisor
Drug/Substance Abuse Counselor
Employment Interviewer/Counselor
Family Service Worker
Group Home Coordinator
Health Care / Hospital Administrator
Hotel Manager
Human Resource Manager
Job Analyst
Management
Market Researcher
Marriage and Family Therapist
Media Buyer
Mental Health Counselor
Occupational analyst
Psychometrist
Probation Officer
Public Relations Director
Research Assistant
Retailer
School Counselor
Social Service Director
Social Worker
Statistician
Substance Abuse Counselor
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

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

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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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