Psychology

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human and other animals. The field of psychology explores how individual thought and behavior are influenced by perception, motivation, heredity, language, cognition, past experiences and learning. The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology combines a theoretical understanding of psychology with an applied understanding of the profession through internship and research experiences.

UIW Psychology students receive a fundamental understanding of the principles of psychology through the major requirements in the program. In addition, students select between four areas of undergraduate emphasis: General Psychology, Child and Adolescent Psychology, Addiction Prevention Specialist/Community Psychology, and Experimental Psychology. Several research opportunities are also available to students who elect to participate in undergraduate scholarship. Internships in students’ area of interest are available.

Faculty

Dr. Stefanie S. Boswell, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., University of Southern Mississippi)
Dr. Maria Felix-Ortiz, Associate Professor (Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles)
Dr. Lisa Lockhart, Associate Professor and Chair (Ph.D., Kent State University)
Dr. Teresa Taylor-Partridge, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., University of Texas, Austin)
Dr. Harold Rodinsky, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., DePaul University)
Dr. John Velasquez, Associate Professor (Ph.D., Texas A&M University)

In addition to the six full-time faculty, several working professionals serve as adjunct instructors in our program. We strive to keep classes small to maximize individual contact between faculty and students.

Career Opportunities

Psychology graduates are well-represented in social agencies because they are able to work well with the clients such agencies serve. They are also found in diverse business settings, including human resources, insurance, airline industry, and governmental organizations. Students who demonstrate an aptitude in empirical research during their undergraduate work can also work in a variety of research foundations and institutional settings.

Career opportunities also exist in the area of child and adolescent populations. These include professional work in juvenile services, child care, child & family services, adoptions, education, medicine, and mental health.

Psychology students interested in graduate work can pursue advanced training in several areas. Students with high GPAs, good letters of recommendation, and solid GRE scores are competitive for graduate school programs in psychology, counseling, and social work. Students who gain research experiences and complete methodology courses are also competitive for research-oriented and clinical graduate programs. Psychology majors are also well-represented in law schools and medical schools. In order to compete for law or medical school programs, students must complete appropriate pre-law or pre-medicine curricula in addition to their Psychology major requirements.

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Courses or Curriculum
- Introduction to Psychology
- Critical Thinking & Writing in Psychology
- Child & Adolescent Development
- Biology & Behavior
- Abnormal Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Personality
- Multicultural Issues
- Learning
- Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
- Research Methods
- History of Psychology
- Plus 12-22 additional hours, depending upon track chosen

Selected Topics
- Drug Use Prevention & Community Psychology
- Developmental Psychopathology
- Health Psychology
- Physiological Psychology
- Human Sexuality
- Sports Psychology
- Advanced Statistics & Advanced Research Methods
- Directed Practicum (General and Community Psychology)

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