

# PSYCHOLOGY

UNDERSTANDING  
HUMAN BEHAVIOR

RESEARCH

SCIENCE-BASED  
CURRICULUM

INTERDISCIPLINARY  
PROGRAM

Psychology majors at Minnesota State Mankato gain a scientific understanding of human behavior by actively engaging in research as undergraduate and graduate students. That experience, along with the range of specialties and interdisciplinary options available within the program, prepares them to pursue advanced degrees as well as careers in business, human resources and other related fields.

## DEGREES OFFERED

- Psychology, BS
- Psychology Minor
- Experimental Psychology Certificate
- Clinical Psychology, MA
- General Psychology Graduate Certificate
- Industrial-Organizational Psychology, MA
- School Psychology, Psy.D.

## REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

- Research Teams
- Psi Chi
- Psychology Club
- Professional conferences and presentations
- Field experience
- Midwestern Conference on Professional Psychology (MCP)
- Study abroad opportunities

## SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Communication skills
- Computer skills
- Critical thinking
- Cultural sensitivity
- Effective listening skills
- Helping skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Investigative
- Problem solving
- Research skills
- Science communication
- Social perceptiveness
- Collaboration skills
- Writing skills

## EMPLOYERS

- Business and corporations
- Colleges and universities
- Government agencies
- Hospitals and clinics
- K-12 schools
- Market research companies
- Mental health clinics
- Non-profit organizations

## CAREERS

- Art therapist\*
- Behavior analyst\*
- Career counselor\*
- Case manager
- Child development specialist
- Clinical psychologist\*
- Consultant
- Counselor
- Crisis intervention
- Data science
- Employment recruiter
- Human resources
- I-O psychologist\*
- Life skill counselor
- Manager
- Market research
- Mental health associate
- Occupational therapist\*
- Physician\*
- Psychologist\*
- Public relations
- Research assistant
- Rehabilitation counselor\*
- School counselor\*
- School psychologist\*
- Teacher/professor\*
- Training and development

\*Advanced education required



## PSI CHI AND PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

Psi Chi is the international honor society in psychology that promotes student research and development among psychology majors. The department also has a Psychology Club that is open to all majors and engages in cooperative activities such as sponsoring presentations, field trips and conference attendance by students.

## FIELD EXPERIENCE

Students who have an interest in a particular type of psychological activity or setting may arrange credit for working or interning in their setting of interest. These arrangements are made on an individual basis with each student.

## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Faculty and students work together on a number of community outreach projects such as the Minnesota State Mankato STEM Camp and Experience Psychology days at the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota.

## RESEARCH TEAMS

Faculty-led research teams made up of undergraduate and graduate students provide an excellent opportunity for students to acquire experience in psychological research. As students acquire expertise, they may develop related projects of their own. Projects from these research teams may be presented at local and regional conferences. The Department of Psychology has a number of specialized research labs, as well as opportunities for students to engage in applied research in the local community.

## CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND PRESENTATIONS

Students are encouraged to attend conferences and make presentations when appropriate. Our students, for example, regularly present their research at the Minnesota State Mankato Undergraduate Research Symposium. Many undergraduate students also attend the Midwest Psychological Association conference held each year in Chicago, as well as other regional and national conferences.

## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (PSYCHOLOGY, BS)

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
PSYC 101 Intro to Psychological Science (4) MATH 112 College Algebra <b>OR</b> STAT 154 Elementary Statistics (4) General Education Course (3-4) General Education Course (3-4) General Education Course (1)	ENG 101 Composition (4) General Education Course (3-4) General Education Course (3-4) General Education Course (3-4) General Education Course (2)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
PSYC 201 Statistics for Psychology (4) General Education Course (3-4) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course, Purple or Gold (3)	PSYC 211W Research Methods & Design (4) PSYC 202 Careers in Psychology (1) PSYC Restricted Elective, Developmental (4) General Education Course (3-4) General Education Course (3-4)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
PSYC Restricted Elective, Cognition (4) PSYC Restricted Elective, Social/Cultural (3-4) General Education Course, Writing Intensive (3-4) Minor Course (3-4) Minor Course (3)	PSYC Restricted Elective, Biological (4) PSYC Upper Level, Unrestricted Elective (4) General Education Course, Purple (4) Minor Course (3-4)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
PSYC 409 History & Systems (4) PSYC Upper Level, Unrestricted Elective (4) PSYC Upper Level, Unrestricted Elective (if needed) (1) Upper Level Minor Course (3-4) Upper Level Minor Course (3-4)	PSYC Upper Level, Unrestricted Elective (4) Upper Level Minor Course (3-4) Upper Level Minor Course (3-4) General Education Course (3-4) General Education Course (2)

