

# PSYCHOLOGY

*Bachelor of Arts*



## Introduction to the Major

**Psychology involves the study of human emotion, thought, and behavior and how they function within social and cultural contexts.**

Psychology students explore the human psyche and the connections between how we think, feel, and behave. As a Clark psychology major, you will build the skills needed to understand and interpret research and practice scientific methods through hands-on lab courses and research experiences. Your psychology degree provides the blueprint for a great career in a wide variety of fields.

### Highlights

Undergraduate psychology students at Clark have the opportunity to conduct research in collaboration with faculty and graduate students and present at academic conferences. Many students volunteer and participate in internships in the community to apply their learning, gain real-world experience, and explore ideas for career directions.



**"I gained knowledge and hands-on experience that helped me discover my interests and strengths and, with the support of the faculty, guided me to a meaningful career path."**

- Sindi Tane '23, Psychology Major



### What can I do with my major?

#### **JOBS & EMPLOYERS**

Psychology majors pursue successful careers in mental health, social work, human resources, nonprofit organizations, education, medicine, law, and other fields.

#### **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

A psychology degree provides excellent preparation for graduate work in any area of psychology, counseling, social work, law, medicine, public policy, and more.

Alumni have pursued advanced study at Harvard University, Princeton University, Boston University and more!

### Orientation Courses

#### **PSYC 101 - General Psychology**

Introduction to the principles of human behavior and to the various sub-disciplines of Psychology.

#### **PSYC 105 - Statistics**

Introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics for the social sciences.

#### **PSYC 108 - Experimental Methods in Psychology**

Presents the principles of the scientific method and methods of experimental research in psychology.

#### **PSYC 109 - Qualitative Methods in Psychology**

Covers the principles of engagement in qualitative inquiry.

Find out more at [clarku.edu/programs/major/psychology-ba/](https://clarku.edu/programs/major/psychology-ba/)

# YOUR CLARK EXPERIENCE



**Discover and Demonstrate your Purpose**



**Cultivate Your Communities**



**Engage Locally & Globally**



**Develop your Professional Identity**

## Year 1



### **Explore the Psychology Department**

Talk with psychology faculty about your interests and plans. Reach out and attend office hours to learn about their areas of focus - they love to chat with students who are interested in psychology!



### **Get involved**

Join the Undergraduate Psychology Club and other student organizations. As you move through the major you may become eligible to join Psi Chi, the International Honors Society in Psychology.



### **Explore on and off campus**

Visit the Writing Center, Goddard Library, and the Mosakowski Institute. Make ClarkYou your default homepage and explore student resources related to academics, campus life, and health and wellness.

Check out volunteer options through the Office of Community Engagement and Volunteering.

## Year 2



### **Declare your major and define your interests**

Continue taking introductory and foundational courses and complete the research sequence. Complement your major with coursework in another program of study.



### **Explore the possibilities**

Visit the Career Connections Center (CCC) and use Handshake to learn more about internship and work opportunities. Attend a career fair and meet with your career advisor.

Join LinkedIn to meet alumni and explore possible internships. Join professional organizations such as the American Psychological Association and the Society for Research in Child Development.



### **Pursue an independent project**

Explore department and university funding for research and creative projects, including funding opportunities.

## Year 3



### **Delve deeper**

Take a First Seminar, a small-group course that focuses on exploration and discussion of psychological theories and research. Consider applying to the honors program.



### **Learn by doing**

Consider enrolling in the PSYC 211 spring internship course that includes a placement in the community where students work 10 hours a week and obtain real-world experience.

Join the CCC's Alumni Job Shadow Program to connect with alumni and experience a day on the job in a field of interest.



### **Dive into research**

Enroll in an internship or apply to become a part of a research team. Make connections, build your skills, and contribute to new knowledge in the field.

## Year 4



### **What's next?**

Discuss your post-graduation plans with faculty and your advisors. Meet with your career advisor for help with your job search or applying to graduate school.



### **Build skills and give back**

Take on a leadership role with a community organization or student club. Present your research or other projects at ClarkFEST or at a psychology conference.

### **Get ready to launch**



Schedule a mock job interview through the CCC to get feedback. Update your professional profiles and find ways to demonstrate qualities such as leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving.