Get to know PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology Department is home to 26 labs where faculty members conduct research in Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science, as well as Developmental, Social and Clinical Psychology. Students have the opportunity to work alongside faculty researchers and graduate students, investigating topics such as sexuality, bullying, mood disorders, and infant cognition.

Studying psychology helps you answer:
• Do our perceptions equal reality?
• How does stress affect us?
• How do early experiences affect our development?

Introductory Psychology uses an innovative course design that goes beyond the lecture format with large classes common to psychology, to engage students further in their learning. Each week you will be guided through concepts using a combination of reading and interactive online materials, and you will work in a small group of 6 students to explore psychological phenomena and test out theories. This is truly a student-centred approach that will lead to your success.

Degree OPTIONS
Bachelor of Science (Honours)
Major / Specialization in Biology and Psychology
Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Major / Medial / Minor
Bachelor of Arts (General)

“Gaining insight into what makes people think, feel, and behave, Psychology at Queen’s gets students learning through doing with hands-on opportunities and small group learning.”

Queen’s ADMISSIONS
Students apply through the OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) website. Secondary School prerequisites for the BSCH include English 4U, Advanced Functions 4U, Calculus and Vectors 4U, plus two of: Biology 4U, Chemistry 4U or Physics 4U. Secondary School prerequisites for the BAH include English 4U and two additional 4U courses or recognized equivalents. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements.

A Common START
Students in our Faculty are admitted into Arts, Science or Computing but the focus is on a common first year. Through self-exploration, and while you settle into university life, you have the opportunity to work with our advisors and faculty to discover your real interests and identify opportunities for success. Sometimes that discovery happens fairly quickly, and for other students it takes some work and time before the “ah-ha!” happens – either way your first year will be a great experience at Queen’s.

Course HIGHLIGHTS
In PSYC 360, The Neurobiology and Psychology of Sleep, 25 students discuss current research in the area of sleep physiology and associated disorders, with Dr. Hans Dringenberg. Students spend two full nights in Psychology’s Sleep Laboratory; one as a researcher, the other as a participant. Through engaging lectures from Dr. Dean Tripp, students learn about Positive Psychology in PSYC 335: how humans prosper in the face of adversity. Concepts, techniques, and exercises are introduced that research has indicated enhance well-being.

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How to use this map

• Got questions about careers and classes?
• Feeling a little lost or overwhelmed by choices?
• Wondering what you are “supposed” to be doing?

Use this map to plan for success in five overlapping areas of career and academic life. Each map helps you explore possibilities, set goals and track your accomplishments. To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

Don’t stress if you haven’t done all of the suggested activities. The map is not a prescription – it’s a tool for finding your own way at Queen’s.

Getting what you need to succeed in the workplace

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?

In a recent survey from the Canadian Council of Chief Executives the top 6 skills sought by employers were:

1. People skills
2. Communication skills
3. Problem-solving skills
4. Analytical abilities
5. Leadership skills
6. Industry-specific knowledge

HOW DO I GET THE SKILLS I NEED?

It is important to develop a balanced skill set – many of which you will develop during your studies. To stand out, take advantage of experiential learning through the multitude of clubs and activities in and around Queen’s. Check out the Get Relevant Experience section of this map.

WHAT CAN I LEARN STUDYING PSYCHOLOGY AT QUEEN’S?

• Knowledge of areas of psychology such as perception, cognition, motivation and childhood development
• Research – conduct statistical research, understand scientific journal articles, clearly interpret and articulate research data
• Knowledge of human and animal behaviour and development
• Knowledge of psychological research techniques and statistical methods
• Oral and written communication – prepare and present reports from research
• Observation and decision-making
• Resource and time management
• Insight to deal effectively with people, show concern for and sensitivity to others
• Critical and inferential thinking – analyze and interpret information

WHAT MAKES ME SPECIAL?

No one will get exactly the same experience as you. Take the time to think about what skills you have developed to be able to best explain them with compelling examples in future applications to employers and further education. For help with this, check out the Career Services skills workshop.