Psychology

Psychology is the study of mental processes and behaviour. Psychologists study relationships between brain function, behaviour, and environment. As a discipline, psychology explores a wide range of topics, including cognition, neuroscience, social influence, mental health, development, relationships, sensation, and perception, as well as the influence of factors such as gender and culture on these areas. Home to 35 labs, psychology students have the opportunity to work alongside faculty researchers and graduate students to gain valuable research training.

**TOP ALUMNI JOBS**

- 8% of alumni work in **GOVERNMENT**
- 9% of alumni work in **BANKING, MARKETING & CONSULTING**
- 13% of alumni work in **HEALTH CARE**
- 38% of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

**Alumni Story**

“My degree in Psychology prepared me for further education and for the work force, and also gave me a deeper insight into the human psyche. This highly versatile, student-centred program provided opportunity for student leadership, departmental community, and involvement in current empirical research.”

-Sam Bienias, BScH ’18

**2022-23 Plan Thresholds**

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection


That is a degree from Queen’s.

queensu.ca/psychology
2ND YEAR

Start going deeper into the discipline of Psychology, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Global Action and Engagement. Attend Degree - in the Fall term to learn more about certificates and internship options.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join organizations on campus such as the Sexual Health Resource Centre and the Mental Health Awareness Committee. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations such as Autism Ontario Kingston, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, KFL&A Telephone Aid Line Kingston, and the Kingston Sexual Assault Centre.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate and research possible immigration regulations.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

What will I learn?

A degree in Psychology can equip you with:

- Knowledge of areas of Psychology such as perception, cognition, motivation and childhood development
- How to design research studies and analyze quantitative data using statistical tests
- Knowledge of human and animal behaviour and mental processes
- How to evaluate scientific journal articles critically
- Oral and written communication to 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 to analyze and interpret information

Where can I go?

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Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen’s – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.