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 5 REASONS to study PSYCHOLOGY

1. Evidence-based insights into how both environment and genetics influence the brain and behaviour.
2. Evidence-based practices in mental health that are grounded in science.
3. Hands-on experiential learning opportunities in laboratory and field settings.
4. Transferable critical thinking and research skills.
5. Skills that employers value, including teamwork, writing, and data analysis.

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

“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

Historical Acceptance Thresholds

2.6 cGPA and min A- in PSYC 100

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

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global. That is a degree from Queen’s.

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Psychology MAJOR MAP *

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR OR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS): MAJOR, SPECIALIZATION

1ST YEAR

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Psychology along with some electives.

Attend Major Night in the Winter term to learn more about PSYC.

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+ and in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

3RD YEAR

A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Psychology. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USRF).

Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year. Take a PSYC 570/575 Special Directed Lab course for further research experience. Apply to be a PSYC 100 TA through PSYC 400.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

Consider joining professional associations, such as the Ontario Psychological Association or the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association.

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in the gaps – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Think about applying to volunteer at the Peer Support Centre, Student Wellness Services, or other services.

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops.

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

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.

Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.

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Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

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

Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

Explore careers of interest by taking courses like PSYC 204. Applications and Careers in Psychological Science, attend the annual Career Conference in Psychology held in March, and visit Career Services to participate in Career Cruising.

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (such as the GRE, LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad School from Career Services.

Consider a 12-16 month QUIP Internship

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?

A degree in Psychology can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master’s. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Advocacy
- Child and youth care
- Community development
- Corrections
- Career counseling
- Occupational health and safety
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Psychiatry
- Residential care
- Social work
- Speech language pathology

Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!

* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.

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The coronavirus pandemic may impact how some activities are delivered in 2021-2022. Please check directly with the host of any activity on the map for the latest information.
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.