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**

**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.

**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

**Historical Acceptance Thresholds**

2.6 GPA and min A- in PSYC 100

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

**Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.**

That is a degree from Queen’s.

queensu.ca/psychology
How to use this map

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.

How to think globally

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

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

Where can I go?

A degree in Psychology is foundational for many career paths. Many students choose to pursue their interests through graduate training. Our students are equipped to pursue many fields including:

• Advertising
• Child and youth care
• Clinical psychology
• Community development
• Counselling
• Data analysis
• Occupational therapy
• Psychological science
• Research
• 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.

What will I learn?

A degree in Psychology can equip you with:

• Knowledge of areas of Psychology such as perception, cognition, motivation and human 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 for 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

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Psychology along with some electives. Attend Majors’ Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

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

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 an upper year Peer Mentor in PSYC. Ask the PSYC Department Student Council (DSC) for details.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

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

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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.

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.
Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

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.