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 26 labs, psychology students have the opportunity to work alongside faculty researchers and graduate students to gain valuable research training.

**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

**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.

**2020-21 Major Thresholds**

- **2.6 cGPA** Automatic Acceptance min A- in PSYC 100
- **1.9 cGPA** Pending List min B+ 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

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**Psychology MAJOR MAP**

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

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**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

1ST YEAR

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 major options.

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**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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.

- 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.

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**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

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 help you 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).

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**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

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.

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

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**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

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:

- Advertising
- 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

What will I learn?

A degree in Psychology can equip you with:

- Knowledge of areas of Psychology such as perception, cognitions, motivation and childhood development
- How to design research studies and analyze quantitative data using statistical tests
- Knowledge of human and animal behavioural 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

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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.

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.