In the social science stream of Psychology, you will focus on child development, personality differences, how people act in groups or organizations, sexuality and health-related behaviours. You will study these in the context of both normal and abnormal behaviour. Home to 26 labs, psychology students have the opportunity to work alongside faculty researchers and graduate students to gain valuable research training.

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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

ALUMNI JOBS

add a CERTIFICATE to your degree

Employment Relations
Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity
Disability and Physical Activity
French for Professionals
Geographic Information Science
Global Action and Engagement
Indigenous Languages and Cultures
International Studies
Media Studies
Sexual and Gender Diversity
Urban Planning Studies

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2018-19 thresholds

2.6 cGPA AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE
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   min B in PSYC 100

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PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR MAP

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GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

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 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 QUIP’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

Speak to a QUIP advisor to get involved in their organizations such as the Ontario Psychological Association or CIDA.

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.

What will I learn?

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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
- Psychology
- Residential care
- Social work
- Speech language pathology

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What are the requirements for full-time jobs or other adventures? Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions.

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PSYCHOLOGY BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) MAJOR

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2ND YEAR

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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.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Look into summer jobs by talking to the Dept. about NSERC USRA’s or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study. Volunteer in a PSYC Research Lab.

Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars. Attend workshops and training sessions offered to students through the CMHA.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

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

Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Hotel Dieu Hospital and the Elizabeth Fry Society Kingston.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

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.

Attend the Bader International Study Centre in the U.K. for the winter term and take PSYC 333, 342, and 397.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Explore careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Career Paths in Psychology. For more information check out Career Chasing or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn. Go to the PSYC Careers Night in February, hosted by the PSYC DSC.

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 — for some ideas, see the back page.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

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

Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC. Meet one on one with professors or graduate students.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Get involved with other cultures or improve your language skills.

Pursue Summer Internship/Work opportunities with ODA. Take a French Conversation class through the FrancoPhone Centre.

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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).

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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.

Present your PSYC 501 research at Inquiry@ Queen’s and your Thesis Poster at the Ontario Undergraduate Thesis Conference.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

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

Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Psychology.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

Volunteer with places like Immigrant Services Kingston & Area.

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PSYCHOLOGY
Major, Bachelor of Arts (Honours)  
degree PLAN

Sample Year by Year

1ST YEAR
- PSYC 100/6.0
- 24.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- PSYC 202/3.0 or 3.0 units from STAT_Options
- PSYC 203/3.0
- 6.0 units from PSYC 205/3.0, PSYC 215/3.0, PSYC 221/3.0, PSYC 271/3.0
- 6.0 units from PSYC 231/3.0, PSYC 235/6.0, PSYC 236/3.0, PSYC 241/3.0, PSYC 251/3.0
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

3RD YEAR
- PSYC 301/3.0
- 15.0 units from PSYC Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

4TH YEAR
- 9.0 units from PSYC at the 400 level (SEMINAR) or 9.0 units from PSYC 501/9.0 (THESIS)
- 9.0 units from PSYC Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: QUartsci.com/academic-calendar