

# PSYCHOLOGY

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The psychology department at Capital strives to make you distinctive. To help ensure you have diverse experiences, you will take classes where you'll experience the major areas in psychology as well as engage in high impact practices, such as community-engaged learning, undergraduate research, and internships. We have designed this major so that students can explore other interests through a second major, minor, or an emphasis in another discipline. All of our psychology students work with a faculty mentor to design a program of study that helps them achieve their career and personal goals. Capital's location in Columbus, Ohio gives students the opportunity to use what they learn in the classroom and apply it in real life settings, such as hospitals, clinics, schools, and community organizations.

## CAREERS AND PLACEMENT

The psychology major provides a pre-professional foundation for careers and graduate study. Approximately 40% of Capital's psychology graduates go on to study and earn advanced degrees in psychology, law, medicine, and other disciplines. All psychology students take a junior-level career development class where they learn to tell their story to prospective internship supervisors, employers, and graduate and professional programs.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Capital embraces high-impact practices — undergraduate research, internships, capstone projects and other teaching approaches proven to optimize student learning. Here, you will delve into research — surveying the broad knowledge built by scholars before you and contribute your own research to the body of knowledge, under the guidance of your professors.

Capital's location in the capital city of Columbus will give you the opportunity to apply what you learn in the classroom to real life settings through internships, community engagement projects, undergraduate research and studying abroad. Students have completed internships at Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Maryhaven, Behavioral Science Specialists (for forensic psychology), Nationwide Children's Hospital, and Twin Valley Behavioral Health.

## AS A GRADUATE, YOU WILL BE PREPARED TO:

- Identify and describe psychological principles and theoretical perspectives
- Recognize and apply basic research methods in psychology, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation
- Communicate effectively in a variety of formats and to a variety of audiences
- Relate the social and natural science aspects of psychology to personal, social, and professional issues and situations
- Analyze how ethnic, cultural, social, and gender diversity affect individuals and social situations
- Demonstrate scientific thinking that was gained through practical research, laboratory, or field experience
- Identify, assess, and explain the ethical implications of issues and situations
- Formulate realistic ideas about how to implement psychological skills, knowledge, and values in occupational pursuits in a variety of settings

## WHAT ARE OUR GRADS DOING NOW?

- Psychiatric Aide
- Counselor
- Child Development Specialist
- Behavioral Management Technician
- Case Manager
- Probation Officer
- Teacher
- Political Analyst

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## Four-Year Sample Schedule of a Psychology Major

### First Year Fall

14-18 credit hours  
 UC 100 First Year Seminar - 3  
 ENGL 111 Academic  
 Composition - 4  
 PSYCH 120 Intro to Psych - 4  
 MATH 110 Intermediate  
 Algebra - 3  
 Elective - 1-4\*

### Second Year Fall

15-16 credit hours  
 UC 270 Cultural Pluralism - 3  
 Signature Learning Art  
 Course - 3-4  
 SOSCI 220 Social Science  
 Research - 4  
 PSYCH 200 Psych Ethics - 1  
 PSYCH 340 Clinical/  
 Abnormal - 4

### Third Year Fall

12-16 credit hours  
 UC 320 Humanities - 3  
 Language 110 - 4  
 PSYCH 300 Career  
 Planning - 1  
 PSYCH 330 Biological  
 Psych - 4  
 Elective - 1-4\*

### Fourth Year Fall

12-16 credit hours  
 PSYCH 370 Cognitive  
 Psych - 4  
 PSYCH 410 History/  
 Systems Psych - 4  
 Elective - 1-4\*  
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### First Year Spring

14 credit hours  
 UC 120 Oral Communication - 3  
 UC 170 Ethics  
 SOSCI 210 Social Science  
 Stats - 4  
 PSYCH 310 Developmental  
 Psych - 4

### Second Year Spring

12-18 credit hours  
 UC 220 Religion - 3  
 Lab Science - 4  
 PSYCH 320 Social/  
 Personality - 4  
 Elective - 1-4\*  
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### Third Year Spring

12-18 credit hours  
 UC 370 Global Systems - 3  
 Language 111 - 4  
 PSYCH 350 Experimental  
 Psych - 4  
 Elective - 1-4\*  
 Elective - 1-4\*

### Fourth Year Spring

12-16 credit hours  
 PSYCH 450/495 Advance  
 Practice/Intern - 2-4  
 Elective - 1-4\*  
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All courses subject to availability and advisor approval. All undergraduates must demonstrate that Signature Learning goals have been met.

\*Consider a double major

