

# PSYCHOLOGY

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Psychology is a central part of life. It is, after all, the scientific study of the human mind and behavior. Our department, on the Westchester campus, recognizes this and sees its mission as a "hub science." We try to connect psychology with many other disciplines at the University, therefore we offer four undergraduate majors including a **Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology**; **BA in Applied Psychology and Human Relations**; **BA in Biological Psychology**; and a **BA in Personality and Social Psychology**. We also offer a **PhD in Mental Health Counseling**, and a **Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling**. As an undergraduate, you may also enroll in our combined degree program, which gives our students the opportunity to begin their graduate work early.

A degree in psychology is excellent preparation for a variety of careers including counseling, healthcare, research, management, education, law, and sports. As a student in the Department of Psychology at Pace University's Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, you will leverage your analytical and problem solving skills. Whether you want to help children and adults lead happier and more productive lives, or plan to apply your knowledge of human behavior in a business setting, we will provide the real-world, practical skills you need to achieve a fulfilling and successful career.

## BA IN PSYCHOLOGY

The psychology program will develop the scientist within you. As a BA candidate, you will acquire a solid knowledge base through courses in experimental psychology, statistics, neurological and physiological behavior, cognitive science, social psychology, and the history of psychology. If you are interested in earning a master's or doctoral degree in psychology, planning and preparation for graduate school should begin in your sophomore year.

## BA IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY AND HUMAN RELATIONS

In this major, we prepare you for work primarily in counseling and clinical psychology careers. In this practical program, you will learn skills needed to apply in such fields as counseling, education, and business. Courses include psychological testing, personality, social psychology, introduction to counseling, group work and interviewing techniques as well as a two-semester practicum sequence.

## BA IN BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Offered jointly with the Biology department, this major offers a strong foundation for medical school or a career in neuroscience, clinical psychology, or other research oriented field. It provides you with knowledge of the biological systems that underpin all psychological functions. Courses include genetics, neurobiology, biological psychology and experimental psychology.

## BA IN PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

If you are interested in issues such as human motivation, the importance of relationships in human functioning, and industrial/organizational psychology, this major is suited to you. This is an innovative and exciting interdisciplinary major that will prepare you for graduate school and a variety of careers including law, sports psychology, health psychology, and industrial/organizational psychology.

## CO-CURRICULAR

The student-led Psi Chi honor society and the Pace Psychology Club provide resume-building professional experiences outside the classroom. Members attend lectures, professional meetings, and colloquia. By getting involved, you can make new friends and develop a network of colleagues. Also, students on the Pleasantville campus can network with psychology alumni at an annual luncheon.

## DEPARTMENT CONTACT

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## COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

If you enroll in a combined degree program, you can earn both your undergraduate and master's degrees in six years, in some cases saving as much as one year of full-time study. Our undergraduate Psychology, and Applied Psychology and Human Relations majors may complete the MS in Mental Health Counseling in six years. The combined degree programs are open to students who maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average through their first three years.

### BA IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY AND HUMAN RELATIONS / MS IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

This program provides practical training in counseling and clinical psychology, and fulfills the prerequisites for certification as a licensed mental health professional in the state of New York in the areas of general psychology, substance abuse, and grief counseling.

### BA IN PSYCHOLOGY / MS IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

This program provides solid scientific background in the study of human nature as well as its application to human relationships in the areas of general counseling, substance abuse, and grief counseling.

## FACULTY

Our faculty members are committed to excellence in teaching and mentoring. In support of these aims, they are engaged actively in research, scholarship, practice, and consultation. Faculty members are experts in child development, cultural diversity, women's issues, school and community psychology, social behavior, cognitive psychology, clinical practice, experimental and applied research, industrial/organizational psychology, and counseling.

## SUCCESS STARTS HERE

"Working with the Psychology Department has been nothing but a positive experience! I have been taught by such amazing professors who obviously care about their students, not only for their education but their well being. Being taught by professors who are known in the field and using these experiences has really benefited my learning, making it more enjoyable and worthwhile."

—Melissa Davis '21, BA, Psychology

"I loved everything about my experience in Pace's Department of Psychology. My professors brought real-life personal experiences into the classroom, which strengthened the lessons they taught, and made learning more enjoyable. Our advisors were also outstanding, they took a special interest in each of their students' lives and led them in the right direction for the future. If it wasn't for my advisor Vanessa, I wouldn't be where I am today."

—Julissa Amparo '14, '16, BA Applied Psychology and Human Relations, MS Mental Health Counseling

