

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

OVERVIEW

THE DEPARTMENT OF **PSYCHOLOGY** AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA IS SHARED BETWEEN THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND THE FACULTY OF ARTS. STUDENTS IN EITHER FACULTY BENEFIT FROM ACCESS TO SHARED RESOURCES, A WIDE RANGE OF WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH. THE DEPARTMENT OFFERS OVER 100 COURSES EACH YEAR COVERING FOUNDATIONAL MATERIAL AS WELL AS CURRENT AND EMERGING TOPICS.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

A diverse department, areas of focus include cognition, perception, development, cognitive neuroscience and sociocultural psychology. While the core degree requirements for a focus on psychology are nearly identical, general BSc and BA degree programs differ. Students wishing to emphasize the physical, biological, and mathematical sciences should enroll in the BSc program, while those wishing to emphasize the humanities and social sciences should enroll in the BA program.

PSYCHOLOGY - MAJOR (BSC OR BA)

A broad education in arts or science, students have versatility in course selection with a core set of psychology courses offered through both the Faculties of Arts and Science, to ensure a well-rounded background in psychology inquiry.

PSYCHOLOGY - SPECIALIZATION (BSC)

The Specialization degree is a more focused program allowing students to hone their skills in the particular domain of psychology that interests them

PSYCHOLOGY - HONORS (BSC OR BA)

Highly focused and structured with the inclusion of an additional research component, students design, administer, analyze, and disseminate their own research project under the guidance of a faculty member with shared research interests.

See ualberta.ca/admissions for admission requirements.

RESEARCH AREAS

- + Aging
- + Animal cognition
- + Attention and learning
- + Brain and cognitive development
- + Developmental psychology
- + Intercultural communications
- + Language processing
- + Memory
- + Neuroscience
- + Sex and violence
- + Social behavior
- + Social learning
- + Spatial cognition

UNIQUE OFFERINGS

RESEARCH CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

Psychology faculty members are involved in many centres, institutes, and networks across campus and beyond. For example, the Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute (NMHI) is dedicated to discovering how the nervous system functions in order to improve mental health; twelve Psychology department faculty are NMHI members.

LABS AND FACILITIES

The Department of Psychology houses dozens of specialized laboratories and groups conducting research in a broad cross-section of psychology subfields. From the Alberta Brain & Cognitive Development Lab, that studies how children develop the ability to regulate their behavior and emotions, to the Victoria Longitudinal Study, a large-scale study of how a wide variety of genetic and environmental factors influence differential brain and cognitive aging, the diverse labs speak to the breadth of topics and opportunities for our students to pursue.

CAREERS

Our graduates lead successful careers in many areas, including:

- + Addiction counsellor
- + Career development professional
- + Child and youth care worker
- + Clinical neuropsychiatrist
- + Communications
- + Court trial consultant
- + Crime prevention coordinator
- + Counsellor
- + Forensic psychologist
- + Group home coordinator
- + Labour relations
- + Marketing and public relations
- + Mental health clinician
- + Non-profit coordinator
- + Technical writer

For more information on the programs and opportunities in Psychology, visit: ualberta.ca/psychology

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