

# Psychology

B.A. | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

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## Focus on faith

A Christian perspective is central to everything we do at Northwestern. It's what sets us apart from other colleges and universities where faith is on the margins or missing altogether. As a psychology student, you'll learn to understand the brain holistically, discovering how humans develop physically, emotionally, cognitively, spiritually and relationally.

## First-class faculty

Our psychology professors stand out as educators, researchers and influential leaders in the American Psychological Association. Dr. Laird Edman has participated in research seminars at Oxford University, and Dr. Jennifer Feenstra received a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship for her study of youth development in Romania.

## Thinking opportunities

Gain valuable research experience by collaborating with faculty on their ongoing research and exploring areas of personal interest. You may even have the opportunity to co-author articles, present research at national conferences, and land a paid fellowship conducting research funded by the National Science Foundation.

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### TOP 4%

Our 2021 psychology graduates scored in the top 4% on a national benchmark exam.



### Bachelor's + beyond

Northwestern also offers master's degrees in clinical mental health and school counseling.



### Off-campus study

Apply your learning in settings like Denver, Chicago and Romania, among other destinations.

## Outcomes

Our psychology graduates have pursued graduate degrees in clinical, forensic, health, school and industrial/organizational psychology. Northwestern's liberal arts approach also opened doors to careers in missions, education, art therapy and social services. Join our standout psychology alumni at employers and graduate schools such as:

- Boys Town National Research Hospital, Boys Town, NE
- Lighthouse Neurofeedback + Behavior Analysis, Inc., Longmont, CO
- The Iowa ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Coalition, Des Moines, IA
- Marymount University, Arlington, VA
- University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

## Recommended Sequence of Courses

The following outlines are rough suggestions for course sequencing. Individualized schedules should be developed in consultation with your advisor.

Fall	Spring
<b>First Year and Second Year</b>	
Exploring Psychology (PSY100SS)	
2 Psychology Elective Class (4 credits each)	
BIO102SN Human Anatomy and Physiology (or BIO105 Brain and Behavior or BIO 221 or BIO 222 with BIO 115 as a prerequisite or BIO 121 and 122 Intro. to Human Anat. And Intro. to Human Phys.)	
Most Northwestern Core Requirements including Quantitative Reasoning course (MAT116 recommended, not required)	
<b>Third Year</b>	
<u>Research Des./Intro. Stats (PSY215)</u>	<u>Research Des./Adv. Stats (PSY216)</u>
<u>History of Psychology (PSY310)</u>	PHI204 Mind, Knowledge, and Reality
<b>Fourth Year</b>	
Psychology Research Lab (PSY406; or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester)	<u>Learning and Cognition (PSY315), or</u> <u>Motivation and Emotion (PSH319), or</u> (each class is offered alternate year to the other; take either third or fourth year)
1 Psychology Elective Class (4 credits)	<u>Psychology, Faith, and Values (PSY418SR)</u>

Note: Underlined courses are offered only in the fall/spring as indicated.