



Psychology

What is Psychology?

Psychology is the science of how human beings and other organisms perceive, learn, and relate to one another. A major in psychology will enable the student to prepare for careers in which human behavior is the focus of service or operation. The student of psychology will gain insight into human personality, acquire a scientific understanding of human behavior, and establish a solid academic base for further study.

Career Opportunities in Psychology

While the Psychology program is designed to prepare students for graduate study, many Lourdes University psychology graduates join the workforce immediately after graduation. Students receive job offers in health care and social service settings, education, management and business, and government. Psychology graduates are accepted in graduate degree programs in Counseling at most local institutions.

According to the American Psychological Association, undergraduate psychology majors in 2011 received the most job offers in the areas of management, counseling, social work and sales. The employment of doctorally-trained psychologists and counselors with Master's degrees is projected to rise well into the next decade. This will allow the field to

meet the demand for psychological positions required in social service, academics, consulting, and mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities.

Lourdes University Psychology majors have found themselves well-prepared for success in the following graduate school programs: Master of Arts in Counseling (M.A.), Master of Education in Counseling (M.Ed.), Master of Social Work (M.S.W.), Master of Arts in Art Therapy (M.A.), and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Graduates of the psychology department have gone on to earn Ph.D.s in a wide variety of areas including neuropsychology and counseling psychology.

Salary Trends in Psychology

Most professional positions in the social sciences require graduates with a Master's degree or Ph.D.. A Bachelor's degree can provide suitable preparation for entry level jobs such as research assistants, administrative aides or positions in management or sales.

Salaries for Psychology graduates depend on the level of education, job title, duties and area of the country where you are employed. Median annual earnings for Social and Human Services positions typically are in the range of \$23,580 to \$35,510.*

*Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S.D.L.

High School Preparation

To prepare for your Psychology undergraduate program at Lourdes University, your high school studies should include math and science classes, particularly biology.

Expanding your knowledge and awareness of psychology, such as the development of adolescents, behavioral and emotional problems, and interaction and attitudes of people in work, family, social and other settings is beneficial. Volunteer work is a plus for the incoming psychology major as well.

How to Major in Psychology at Lourdes University

Courses in the Psychology Department present scientific research as a basis for investigating the phenomena of people and organisms relating to each other via perception and learning. In your first two years of college, you should focus on satisfying your general education requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree listed on the back of this information sheet. Arrange an appointment with your advisor to guide you through your scholastic career at Lourdes.

Requirements for Psychology

Students are required to fulfill 45 core credit hours including PSY 110 General Psychology, and PSY 210 Developmental Psychology. Additional requirements include

courses delving into statistics for psychology, the psychology of human learning, physiological psychology, experimental psychology and psychology of abnormal behavior. A total of 20 electives are required in addition to the 63 credit hours of general education.

Special Programs, Co-ops and Internships

Undergraduate majors in criminal justice, sociology, psychology and social work are welcome to join the Social Science Club. This student organization focuses on promoting and supplementing these academic programs through seminars, workshops public speaking engagements and community service projects.

Highlights of Psychology at Lourdes University

Lourdes University prides itself on providing its students with a strong foundation in the Liberal Arts. We believe that individuals who have an holistic educational experience are better prepared to engage in the world of life and work. Lourdes graduates enter (or re-enter) the working world with a consciousness of and sensitivity to the ethical, cultural and religious dimensions of the individuals and groups with whom they work and serve. Lourdes University faculty members have real world, practical psychology experience, having worked as professionals in their field. Lourdes instructors have the professional understanding and the educational qualifications to be the best professors and mentors a student could hope for.

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Bachelor of Arts – Psychology

General Education		Semester Hours
ENG 101		3
ENG 102		3
Communications course.....		3
Philosophy course.....		3
PSY 300.....		3
Art course.....		3
Music course		3
ENG 200		3
Ethical Foundations courses.....		6
History course.....		3
PSY 460 - recommended		3
Cultural Awareness course.....		3
PSY 403.....		3
Natural Science course		3
Psychology course (met in major).....		3
Theological Studies courses		6
MTH 212 - recommended		3
Math course.....		3
SOC 412 - recommended		3
Core Requirements		
PSY 110	General.....	3
PSY 205	Pre-Professional Seminar.....	3
PSY 210	Developmental.....	3
PSY 215	Statistics for Psychology	3
PSY 300	Experimental.....	3
PSY 310	Learning.....	3
PSY 311	Information Processing	3
PSY 312	Physiological	3
PSY 350	Abnormal	3
PSY 489	Psychology Capstone.....	3
	Psychology electives at 300 or 400 level.....	15
	Electives	20
Total Credit Hours = 128		

NOTE: This sheet is for general information only. For more specific information on this program refer to the Lourdes University catalog at <http://www.lourdes.edu/academics/?s=5&c=119> or contact the University.

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