



PSYCHOLOGY

FPU BRINGS A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE TO THE PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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Speech Therapist/Candidate for Masters of Speech Pathology specializing in brain trauma, Bierman ABA for Kids with Autism

“The Psychology degree I obtained from Franklin Pierce helped me find my passion to help others and feel like I can make a difference in a child’s life. I am excited to further my education in speech pathology and specialize in brain trauma, which is all thanks to the support and environment at Franklin Pierce. The small classroom sizes and personal attention from faculty, like Dr. Jennie Brown, helped me discover my interest in pursuing a career in psychology. This truly is a place where people want you to succeed in all aspects of life.”

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Psychology majors gain an understanding of behavior and mental processes through a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree that is compliant with American Psychological Association (APA) guidelines. You’ll work with faculty on research and field experiences related to clinical, cognitive, forensic psychology, child development, and more.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

If you are fascinated by human behavior and the workings of the mind and want to explore these human topics with the discipline of a scientist, Psychology may be the perfect major for you. You will be prepared to observe, analyze, research, and design experiments with human subjects. You’ll learn about models of interpersonal relationships and the field of social services. If you are interested in behavioral health, mental health, or the dynamics of relationships and groups, you will develop understanding, insight, and practical skills to help people achieve the outcomes they seek.

You will study core concepts in psychology, tools for scientific inquiry, and critical thinking. Majors develop strong communication and people skills as well as a strong sense of ethical and social responsibility in a diverse world. Students are well prepared for the academic rigor of graduate school for having taken these courses.

Graduates have pursued advanced degrees in psychology, social work, and marriage and family counseling at various institutions across the world.



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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

In addition to all graduation requirements, the following courses must be completed successfully to fulfill the major requirements (40 credit hours minimum):

PSYCHOLOGY COURSES	
PS101	Introduction to Psychology (Required)
PS230	Child and Adolescent Development (Required) OR
PS231	Adult Development and Aging
PS260	Statistics for Behavioral Science (lab) (Required)
PS261	Research Methods in Psychology (lab) (Required)
PS303	Psychology of Learning (lab) (Required) OR
PS306	Cognitive Psychology (lab) (Required)
PS304	Introduction to Neuroscience (lab) (Required) OR
PS308	Evolutionary Psychology (lab) (Required)
PS322	Social Psychology (Required) OR
PS320	Theories of Personality
PS489	Senior Thesis in Psychology (Literature Review) OR
PS490 & PS491	Senior Thesis in Psychology (Empirical Study) OR
PS494	Psychology Senior Seminar: Systems & Theories in Psychology
PS495	Senior Internship in Psychology
*Nine additional elective credit hours in Psychology or other Psychology-related courses approved by the major advisor. See choices below:	
PS155	Psychology of Gender
PS211	Abnormal Psychology
PS214	Creative Arts Therapy
PS215	Health Psychology
PS220	Group Dynamics
PS235	Forensic Psychology
PS243	Positive Psychology
PS252	Psychology of Motivation and Emotions
PS270	Psychology of Terrorism
PS285	Sports Psychology
PS300	Family and Intimate Partner Violence
PS310	Psychological Testing
PS318	Intelligence Analysis
PS319	Case Studies in Espionage
PS323	Seminar on Addiction
PS330	Child Abuse & Neglect
PS340	Techniques of Counseling
PS345	Crisis Intervention
PS430	Introduction to Psychopharmacology

REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

Please note that the Psychology major includes a required sequence of four courses: Statistics for Behavioral Sciences, Research Methods, and two additional 300-level psychology laboratory courses. Because Statistics for Behavioral sciences is a prerequisite for Research Methods, and Research Methods is a prerequisite for the two additional 300-level psychology laboratory courses, this sequence requires a minimum of four semesters to complete. Failure to organize this sequence in a timely manner will delay graduation beyond the usual four years.

WHO SHOULD MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

You'll find this major a good fit if you have or want to develop:

- Interest in the functions of the human brain
- Curiosity about impact of external factors on human behavior
- Empathy and desire to help others
- Strong analytical, research, and writing skills
- Superior listening and communication skills

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

You can gain valuable experience through opportunities at Franklin Pierce to :

- Become a Community Assistant, Peer Leader or Spirit Leader
- Join the Psychology Club and take on a leadership role
- Conduct research with a faculty member and present at a professional conference
- Participate in Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology
- Learn a second language or study abroad

Franklin Pierce students have held internships with prestigious organizations, including the Mental Health Association, Insight Counseling, and the NH Department of Children, Youth and Families.

**Please refer to the Academic Catalog for full listing of elective options*