We want to know the reasons for behavior; ours and others! It isn’t surprising that at colleges and universities across the country, the psychology major remains consistently popular. At Monmouth University, a student-centered psychology faculty with a variety of interests delivers an exceptional liberal arts education in its Bachelor of Arts in Psychology program. The evidence to support this claim is that psychology is one of the University’s most popular programs, and our graduates get accepted into graduate schools and begin professional jobs.

Psychology is a broad field that encompasses both social and natural science, as is evidenced by such courses as Child Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Theories of Personality, Evolutionary Psychology, and Sensation and Perception. The psychology curriculum is designed to focus on the scientific study of human and animal behavior and related mental and physiological processes.

Training in psychology can lead to employment in business and industry, government, social agencies, hospitals, clinics, and in fields such as personnel, sales, management, psychological testing, vocational guidance, clinical work, school psychology, college teaching, social service, or research. (Graduate study is often necessary).

Career Preparation

Most Monmouth University psychology majors take their degree with them into a professional environment working in social services, human resources, statistical analysis, communications, and dozens of other fields. Many psychology graduates pursue advanced degrees such as the PhD, PsyD, MSW, MD, law degrees, as well as master’s degrees in a wide variety of psychology-related fields. With further graduate study, career paths can lead to the helping professions, industrial/organizational specialties, and/or teaching and research in an academic setting.

Monmouth’s psychology program is highlighted by the strength of its faculty members and their diverse interests. All professors bring their out-of-classroom research and/or clinical expertise to their courses. Strong student-faculty relationships are established through individualized advising, faculty supervision of students’ research projects, and faculty-student collaboration leading to presentations at professional conferences and publication opportunities.

At Monmouth, psychology majors have enough free elective credits to take on a minor as well. Students may minor or take a number of courses in other disciplines, such as criminal justice, sociology, gender studies, or health studies, where a better understanding of why certain behaviors occur is important. Because of its reputation for providing a strong, in-depth program, breadth of faculty interests, and ability to put the degree to work after graduation, most psychology majors at the University declare their major when they enroll. Their interest is nurtured through a strong student-centered classroom experience and an individual faculty-student advisement program.

Another facet of the major that interests students is the opportunity for multiple field experiences so students can get a closer look at possible career opportunities. Recently, students have been placed in public schools, hospital settings, alcohol and drug treatment facilities, and women’s shelters, as well as social agencies and counseling centers.

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