Psychology, B.A.

Exploring the complexities of the minds and behavior of humans and animals are at the heart of Cal Poly Humboldt's Psychology programs, which is among the most popular majors here. Students passionate about Psychology who have a spirit for adventure come from around the state to learn about all the things that make us, well, us. Led by supportive faculty, our rigorous program is grounded in the practical experiences that you need to be prepared for today's workforce or a post-baccalaureate degree.

Experience Your Learning

A bachelor's degree in Psychology can take you places, whatever your next step in life may be after graduation. Students participate in several hands-on learning opportunities and earn units toward your degree.

Undergraduate students have the opportunity to conduct research in one of several labs—an experience often reserved for graduate students.

Each year, dozens of Psychology students present their work at professional conferences, such as the Western Psychological Association conference.

Facilities include: research labs for neuroscience and social, developmental, cognitive, health, and community psychology.

Complete your own project when you enroll in an independent studies course or senior honors thesis.

Experience unique courses such as Community Psychology, which includes a service placement at a local community organization.

Did you know?

- **The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology provides excellent preparation for careers and graduate school. Students find rewarding careers in human services, social welfare, education, business, law, medicine, and other fields. They're also routinely accepted into master's and prestigious Ph.D. programs.**

- **We prepare our students to apply their knowledge and skills from psychology to create a socially just and equitable society.**

- **Our courses address the impact of culture and context on human functioning, fostering an appreciation for differences through research and applied experiences.**

Academics & Options

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Psychology is a broad field comprising over 50 different specialties. Studying psychology can assist students in preparing for work in any field working with humans or animals. The psychology major prepares students to apply knowledge and skills in their career.

Qualified students who are admitted as juniors to our Academic Research M.A. Program can graduate with a B.A. and a M.A. degree in just five years. Students applying to a blended pathway for the Behavior Analysis emphasis should plan on two additional years of study rather than a single year.

Get Involved

The Psychology Club/Psi Chi
Open to all students who have an interest in psychology, the club works closely with Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology majors. We have a local chapter of Psi Chi.

Scholars of Academic Research (SOAR)
For undergrad and graduate students, the club strives to create and foster an environment that encourages students' interest in psychological research. SOAR hosts Psyc Talks, a speaker series featuring research, and applied work in psychology.

Funding Opportunities

Chester Collins Scholarship
Awarded to graduate or undergraduate Psychology majors who have shown involvement in and commitment to the discipline of Psychology.

Gardner Research Assistantship
Awarded to undergraduate Psychology majors working in research labs to help them prepare for graduate or professional programs.

Careers

Students develop highly marketable skills such as the ability to collect, organize, analyze, and interpret data, write reports, exhibit interpersonal skills, and communicate effectively. An undergraduate degree is also helpful in many health and mental health positions, and for careers in areas such as college admissions, human resources, management training, survey research, customer relations, and more.

- **Behavioral Technician**
- **Clinical Psychologist/Forensic Psychologist**
- **Counselor/Therapist**
- **Data Analyst**
- **Day Care Center Director**
- **Neuroscientist**
- **Police Officer**
- **Social Worker**
- **Trauma Specialist**

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