



DREXEL UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

PSYCHOLOGY

DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL & BRAIN SCIENCES

Drexel University's Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences is a tight-knit, active community of internationally known faculty and impressive student scholars. Our students work alongside professors on cutting-edge research and clinical projects in a range of areas, including health, forensic, neuropsychology, human development, experimental, cognitive and clinical psychology. Undergraduates also benefit from Drexel's cooperative education program, gaining hands-on, extensive work experience in areas of their interest.

DEGREES OFFERED

Psychology (BS)

Accelerated BS/MS in Psychology

BS in Psychology + JD

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Department of Psychology

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

Students in the Bachelor of Science in Psychology program learn how to ask and answer important questions regarding human behavior, cognition and emotion, and how to apply their findings to improve lives. Within the program, students have the option to focus in specific areas:

Mind, Brain and Behavior

The MBB area of focus allows psychology majors to concentrate their plan of study on how the mind and brain produce human behavior. Situating the mind within its biological substrate is one of the great scientific challenges of the 21st century. MBB covers introductory through advanced courses, exposing students to the formal study of the human mind and behavior, and their underlying brain systems and structures.

Human Development

This area allows students to focus on issues affecting human development across the lifespan. Using a biological, cognitive and socio-emotional perspective, students gain both breadth and depth in the understanding of current issues in child, adolescent and adult development.

Clinical and Health

For those interested in health and service careers, this area of focus includes coursework, experiential learning, and individualized mentorship, providing students with practical experience in the field.

ACCELERATED & PRE-PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

The department offers an **Accelerated BS/MS in Psychology**, which allows qualified students to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in just five years. Students who pursue this option are still able to participate in one six-month co-op.

For students interested in a career in law, **Drexel's BS+JD program** enables students to earn their bachelor's and law degrees in one year less than traditional programs. Students admitted to the BS+JD program will enter the Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law upon meeting all program requirements and law school admission criteria.

Prospective freshmen who are interested in these programs and who meet the requirements set by Drexel's Undergraduate Admissions office may apply to the program as incoming students.

GLOBAL ADVENTURES

Psychology students are encouraged to expand their horizons by participating in study and co-op abroad opportunities. These experiences allow for great personal growth, academic enrichment, cultural awareness and the chance to explore the world while gaining hands-on experience in the discipline. Students have held international co-ops positions in clinical settings in both London and Crete.

DREXEL CO-OP

Through Drexel's cooperative education program, students embark on up to three, six-month periods of employment, exploring their career options, strengthening their résumés and building a professional network in the process. Psychology students have held co-op positions at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Magee Rehabilitation Center, the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, the School District of Philadelphia, the Drexel Psychological Services Center and other behavioral health counseling centers, as well as nonprofit organizations focused on health and wellbeing in the community.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Many of our students participate in the ongoing research of department faculty. By actively engaging in independent research alongside professors, psychology majors benefit from close mentorship and develop their skills as future scientists, preparing them for successful experiences in graduate school. Students may conduct research for credit through independent study and their senior thesis. The department also provides financial support for students presenting posters and papers at conferences through the Undergraduate Psychology Research Fund.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Clubs and Organizations. The undergraduate program offers many activities and clubs to help foster a sense of community within the department. The Psi Chi International Honor Society, Drexel Psychology Club and Students of Color in Psychology are active, student-lead organizations that not only organize career, GRE and mock-interview workshops, but also host movie nights with the faculty and plan other social events.

Mentorship and Support. To support our incoming freshmen, each student is paired with a faculty member with a similar clinical or research interest. Faculty meet with students once per term during their first year at Drexel to help them get acclimated to the program, granting the student a consistent faculty point-of-contact during their first year. These interactions help psychology majors better understand how their interests can align with faculty interests and research programs, which can translate into lab participation opportunities.

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