



PSYCHOLOGY

As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light of meaning in the darkness of mere being.

-Carl Jung-

B.A. in Psychology

The *B.A. in Psychology* emphasizes to students the diversity and applications of psychology. Courses are offered in clinical, social, personality, developmental, behavior, cognition and neuroscience. Students may design programs that approach psychology as a social science, a natural science, or a combination of the two. Advanced students have the opportunity to become actively involved in both basic research and clinical internships. During their junior and senior years, majors are encouraged to take small, specialized seminars and engage in supervised independent study.

Research and clinical interests of our faculty are diverse. They provide expertise on depression, anxiety, neuropsychology, cognitive therapy, psychophysics, basic learning and memory and eating disorders. Our department is most known for its leadership in drug use and abuse research. Many of our faculty are award-winning researchers in such subdisciplines as drug expectancies, placebo effects, psychopharmacology, drug interactions and addiction.

COURSE WORK MAY INCLUDE:

Understanding Human Behavior
Psychology as a Natural Science
Abnormal Psychology and Society
Drugs and Behavior
Fundamentals of Neuropsychology

Women and Mental Health
The Evolution of Behavior
Behavior Principles
Cognitive Psychology
Theories of Personality
Neurobiological Bases of Behavior

INTERNSHIPS/INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Undergraduate majors have opportunities for internship experience with community mental health agencies and may participate in ongoing research within the department. Some of these opportunities in our program have students working with the nation's most prestigious research and policy centers in government and non-governmental organizations (see reverse).

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*Internship/Independent Study Sites Available to AU–
Psychology Students in 2004*

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH)

American Psychological Association (APA)

National Mental Health Association

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

**US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
(HELP)**

House of Representatives Committee on Science

National Science Foundation (NSF)

The Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents

Bethany Women's Center

St. Luke's House