

HHS IS | PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES



WHAT'S ON OUR **MINDS?**

Why do people behave a certain way? How do we learn? And remember? What are the underpinnings of mental illness? Why do couples stay together? In the Department of Psychological Sciences, we're working to answer these questions and countless others about the human experience.

Consistently ranked among the top 50 psychology programs in the country, Psychological Sciences at Purdue is unique because it offers opportunities for undergraduate and graduate education and research across all fields of psychological study.

From eating behaviors and employee motivation to how we perceive and interact with others, psychology intersects everything we do. It helps us understand the processes at the root of a number of human problems, ultimately enhancing happiness, health and well-being.



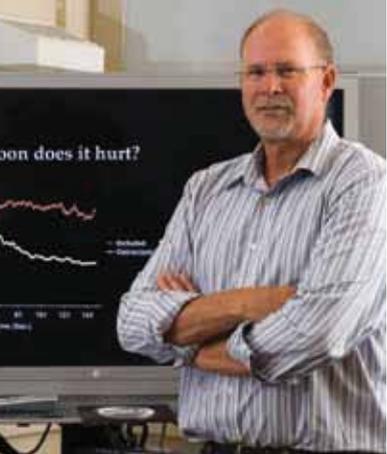


A WORLD-CLASS LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The Department of Psychological Sciences provides an environment that nurtures exploration and experience. Undergraduates are encouraged to participate in research from the very beginning, and the Research Focused Honors Program is open to top students beginning their junior year. Options for internships and study abroad are available, including an exchange program with University College Dublin in Ireland.

Our faculty are leading researchers who teach 90 percent of undergraduate psychology courses. Students also enjoy a smaller student-faculty ratio than many peer programs. The department offers two undergraduate majors — one for students who want to work immediately after earning their bachelor's degree and one for those wanting to pursue graduate education.

- **Psychological Sciences:** A broad foundation in psychology prepares students for careers as therapists or in other human services areas such as health care or government where knowledge of human behavior is beneficial.
- **Brain and Behavioral Science:** A strong curriculum in science and biology prepares students for advanced education in psychology, medicine, neuroscience, artificial intelligence or robotics.



WE STUDY LEARNING AND MEMORY. EXPLORE BEHAVIOR IN ORGANIZATIONAL AND SOCIAL SETTINGS. EXAMINE PERSONALITY, PERCEPTION AND RELATIONSHIPS. WE ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS. AND WE PREPARE STUDENTS TO SEEK ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS.

A COMPETITIVE GRADUATE PROGRAM

Our doctoral training programs attract the best students from around the world. Graduates are prepared to continue their research and/or to practice in clinical and academic settings. Students choose from six research training areas:

- **Behavioral Neuroscience:** Focuses on understanding the mechanisms affecting behavior in animal models. The Neuroscience Program and the Ingestive Behavior Research Center offer interdisciplinary research opportunities.
- **Clinical Psychology:** Advanced graduate students gain valuable clinical and research experience in Purdue's Psychology Treatment and Research Clinics. Assessment and treatment services for adults and children in the local community are provided at low cost.
- **Cognitive Psychology:** Oriented toward doctoral training, the program's faculty investigate sensory processes, perception and judgment, learning, memory, attention, thinking, and problem-solving.



- **Industrial/Organizational (I/O) Psychology:** Purdue's program is ranked among the top five I/O programs in the country, with more I/O psychologists trained here than at any other university in the world.
- **Mathematical and Computational Cognitive Science:** Students develop and test quantitative theories of cognition, behavior and neuroscience.
- **Social Psychology:** Students benefit from faculty who are leading experts in the core areas of social cognition, social influence, prejudice and discrimination, group dynamics, and interpersonal relationships.

MAKING CONNECTIONS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Because faculty expertise spans all of the psychological sciences, there are several areas of research that bridge across multiple graduate training areas:

- Individual differences
- Ingestive behavior
- Learning and memory
- Maladaptive behavior
- Perception and performance
- Social relationships

Faculty also collaborate with other units in the College of Health and Human Sciences. We team with Nutrition Science to study eating behavior and with Human Development and Family Studies to examine human relationships and how they influence health. Research with Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences investigates how children learn to speak. Our work is relevant across the lifespan and instrumental to improving quality of life.

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