Psychology

Get to know PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology Department is home to 26 labs where faculty members conduct research in Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science, as well as Developmental, Social, and Clinical Psychology. Students have the opportunity to work alongside faculty researchers and graduate students, investigating topics such as sexuality, bullying, mood disorders, and infant cognition.

Psychology asks questions such as:

• Do our perceptions equal reality?
• How does stress affect us?
• How do early experiences affect our development?

Our Introductory Psychology course uses an innovative and engaging course design to build strong foundational knowledge in the psychological sciences. In addition to lectures, students are guided through concepts using a combination of reading, and interactive on-line materials. Students also work in small groups of 6 to explore psychological phenomena and test theories. This is truly a student-centred approach.

Degree PLANS

Bachelor of Science (Honours)
Major in Psychology / Specialization in Biology and Psychology

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Major / Medial / Minor in Psychology
Internship option available

Online Bachelor of Arts (General)

Course HIGHLIGHTS

In PSYC 360, The Neurobiology and Psychology of Sleep, students discuss current research in the area of sleep physiology and associated disorders with Dr. Hans Dringenberg. Students spend two full nights in Psychology’s Sleep Laboratory; one as a researcher, the other as a participant. In PSYC 335, Positive Psychology, students learn about how humans prosper in the face of adversity. Through engaging lectures with Dr. Dean Tripp, students explore research concepts, techniques, and exercises related to well-being.

Queen’s ADMISSION

BAH students apply to Queen’s Arts (QA) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities’ Application Centre) website (ouac.on.ca). Secondary School prerequisites include six 4U and 4M courses, including a minimum of three 4U courses, one of which must be ENG4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements.

BScH students apply to Queen’s Science (QS) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities’ Application Centre) website (ouac.on.ca). Secondary School prerequisites include English 4U, Advanced Functions 4U, Calculus and Vectors 4U, plus 2 of Physics 4U, Chemistry 4U or Biology 4U or recognized equivalents. Visit queensu.ca/admission for additional information regarding requirements and admission to Queen’s.

Gaining insight into what makes people think, feel, and behave, Psychology at Queen’s gets students learning through doing with hands-on opportunities and small group learning.

A Year to CHOOSE

We often say that our students are like explorers. In Arts and Science, your first year is all about making choices and exploring new paths. Whether you are in Arts, Science or Computing, you will choose your courses from a wide variety of subjects as you settle into university life and become familiar with new styles of learning. By the end of your first year, you will have discovered your areas of interest, passion and success, and will then declare your major. Your first year, whether you consider it to be undeclared, undecided or simply a time for exploration, is bound to be a year full of adventure.

That is a degree from Queen’s. 
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Psychology MAJOR MAP

1ST YEAR
- BAH and BISCH: take PSYC 100 (6.0).
- BSCH: take 12.0 units from BILD 102/103, CHEM 112, MATH 121, PHYS 117, CSC 121/124.
- Each Plan will have at least one required first-year course, including minors. It is important to take a variety of first-year courses to keep as many pathways open as possible for you going into second year. For details see the Arts and Science Academic Calendar.

2ND YEAR
- For all Honours PSYC Plans take PSYC 202 and PSYC 203. Option Courses: 6.0 units from PSYC 205, 215, 221, 227, 6.0 units from PSYC 231, 236, 241, 251. Majors should take 18.0 units and Medial and Biology and Psychology specialization students take 12.0 units of PSYC courses.
- Please see the Academic Calendar to ensure you are taking the correct courses.

3RD YEAR
- Majors take PSYC 301, and PSYC 302 if interested in pursuing the Thesis option in Final Year.
- Medical and Biology and Psychology Specialization Plans: complete 200-level PSYC requirements and start to enrol in 300-level PSYC courses.
- Need help mapping all of your core, option, supporting and elective courses (including those not listed above) to make sure you will have what you need to complete your degree? Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website.

4TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR
- PSYC Major students: complete Thesis option (research-based) or Seminar option (course-based).
- Medical and Biology and Psychology Specialization: complete required upper year PSYC courses.
- By fourth year you should be working on your remaining option and elective courses. Make sure to take any required tests (such as the GRE, LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about grad school.

Where could I go after graduation?
- Advertising
  - Basic and applied research
  - Business administration and management
- Child and youth care
  - Community development
  - Conflict resolution and mediation
- Consumer behavior
- Corrections
- Counseling
- Career counseling
- Ergonomics
- Forensic assessment
- Health care administration
- Human resources
- Law
- Marketing
- Media – electronic & print
- Medicine
- Mental health services
- Neuroscience
- Occupational health and safety
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Professor
- Program evaluation
- Psychiatry
- Residential care
- Social work
- Speech language pathology
- Teaching

Some careers may require additional training.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor. Volunteer with places like Immigrant Services Kingston & Area.

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job search, resumes, interviews, grad school applications, or other decisions.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps.html for the online version with links!

*This map is intended to provide suggestions for potential activities and career paths, but everyone’s abilities, experience, and constraints are different. Build your own map using our online My Major Map tool.

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What can I learn studying PSYCHOLOGY?

- Knowledge of areas of Psychology such as perception, cognition, motivation and childhood development
- How to design research studies and analyze quantitative data using statistical tests
- Knowledge of human and animal behaviour and mental processes
- How to evaluate scientific journal articles critically
- Oral and written communication to prepare and present reports from research
- Observation and decision-making
- Resource and time management
- Insight to deal effectively with people, show concern for and sensitivity to others
- Critical and inferential thinking to analyze and interpret information

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, the Kingston community has been a collection of bright minds. We are proud that our city was named one of the top Intelligent Communities across the globe, an accolade largely due to the thousands of students who study here every single year. In fact, the BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world, which might be why Instagram named the city ‘the happiest place on the planet’. Just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York, Kingston is a safe and liveable city. Not only are we known as the freshwater sailing capital of the world, Kingston is arguably the birthplace of hockey. Wondering what to do while you’re attending school? Queen’s has more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and Kingston has more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America; your time here is guaranteed to be ‘fresh made daily’.