

# PSYCHOLOGY

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## Departmental Notes

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## Overview

In Psychology you will learn about basic processes of cognition and behavioural neuroscience, including the effects of brain damage or drug-induced changes on behaviour, how various neurochemicals affect behaviour, mechanisms of memory, motor control, and how we solve problems. You will also learn about child development, personality differences, how people act in groups or organizations, health-related behaviours, and various aspects of typical and atypical behaviour. Three plans are available that will lead to a BSc (Hons.) degree: the Major (Sciences) in Psychology (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/psychology-major-science-bs-honours/>) and two interdisciplinary Plans, the Biology-Psychology Specialization (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/biology-psychology-specialization-science-bs-honours/>) and the Cognitive Science Specialization (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/cognitive-science-specialization-computing-bc-honours/>). Three plans are available that lead to a BA (Hons.): the Major (Arts) (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/psychology-major-arts-ba-honours/>), Joint Honours (Arts) (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/psychology-medial-arts-ba-honours/>), and Minor (Arts) (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/psychology-minor-arts/>). Students in all Major, Joint Honours, and Specialization Honours plans are

required to complete courses in both the social and natural science branches for breadth, as well as core courses in statistics and research design.

## Departmental Policies

### PSYC 100 Requirement

PSYC 100 is a prerequisite for all other psychology courses. It can only be waived if a student has completed a similar advanced high school (AP, IB) or college level introductory psychology course. PSYC 100 **must** be taken at Queen's for admission into an Honours Psychology plan.

### Online Course Examination Requirement

All online courses in Psychology shall have a proctored final examination; students cannot pass an online course without passing the final examination.

### Examination Absence

If a student has received instructor permission to defer an examination, they must register with the Undergraduate Office and be available to write the examination on the Department's deferred examination day. Procedures for requesting a deferred examination and the deferred examination schedule can be found on the Psychology undergraduate website (<https://www.queensu.ca/psychology/undergraduate/current-students/departmental-policies/>).

## Special Study Opportunities

### Special Directed Courses

Directed lab and reading courses are a great opportunity for students to work with a faculty member in a research area of interest. For more information, please visit the Psychology undergraduate website (<https://www.queensu.ca/psychology/undergraduate/current-students/course-information/special-directed-courses/>).

### Graduate Courses

Requests for permission to register in certain graduate courses from especially well-qualified fourth-year honours students will be considered where space permits. Students desiring such consideration or more information should consult with the Undergraduate office in Psychology.