PSYCHOLOGY

Departmental Notes

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Overview

Psychology is the study of mental processes and behaviour. Broadly, psychological scientists study relationships among behaviour, environment, and brain function. As a discipline, psychology explores a wide range of topics, including clinical psychology, cognitive neuroscience, developmental psychology, social psychology, and also explores the influence of factors such as sex/gender and culture in these areas.

The Department of Psychology at Queen's University houses many active research labs that students can become involved with, engaging in research under the supervision of faculty researchers. Three plans are available that will lead to a BSc (Hons.) degree: the Major (Science) in Psychology (https://www.queensu.ca/academic-calendar/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/psychology-major-science-bs-honours/) and two interdisciplinary Plans, the Biology-Psychology Specialization (https://www.queensu.ca/academic-calendar/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/biology-psychology-specialization-science-bs-honours/), and the Cognitive Science Specialization (https://www.queensu.ca/academic-calendar/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/cognitive-science-specialization-computing-bc-honours/).

Two plans are available that will lead to a BA (Hons.) degree: the Major (Arts) (https://www.queensu.ca/academic-calendar/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/psychology-major-arts-bs-honours/) and Joint Honours (Arts) (https://www.queensu.ca/academic-calendar/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/psychology-medial-arts-bs-honours/). We also offer a Minor (Arts) (https://www.queensu.ca/academic-calendar/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/psychology-minor-arts/)

schools-departments-programs/psychology/psychology-minor-arts/ that can be paired with a Major in a different unit, and a 3-Year Bachelor of Arts (General) degree (https://www.queensu.ca/academic-calendar/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/psychology-general-arts-bar/).

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 and official transfer credit is noted on the student’s Queen’s transcript. PSYC 100 must be taken at Queen’s for admission into an Honours Psychology plan.

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. Students are encouraged to work in different labs during their undergraduate studies for breadth—this can be helpful both for experience, and building professional relationships with professors who may be able to write letters of reference.

- A student may not complete a PSYC 570 course and their PSYC 501 Honours Thesis course concurrently with the same supervisor.
- Students are limited to a total of two courses from PSYC 550, PSYC 555, PSYC 570, or PSYC 575.
- Students can take a maximum of three courses from PSYC 299, PSYC 550, PSYC 555, PSYC 570, PSYC 575, PSYC 501 with the same supervisor.

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.