PSYCHOLOGY

Loyola offers the Bachelor of Science in Psychology, which provides students with a broad-based introduction to the science of psychology as well as opportunities to learn how psychology is applied to solving individual and social problems. Students frequently link their study of psychology with the study of biology or neuroscience, with complementary disciplines in the social sciences, or with applied psychology in communities, organizations, and institutions.

CURRICULUM

Students must successfully complete 12 psychology courses, including General Psychology (PSYC 101), Statistics (PSYC 304), and Research Methods (PSYC 306), as well as lecture and laboratory courses from a range of psychology and neuroscience topics. In addition to the 12 courses in psychology, students must complete two mathematics courses from a list of department approved courses. The department also offers a five-year psychology/applied social psychology BS/MA dual degree program. For a complete list of courses that fulfill the degree requirements, visit LUC.edu/psychology.

FACULTY

Thirty full-time professors share their expertise in a broad range of disciplines including clinical, cognitive, developmental, perception, and social psychology as well as behavioral and cognitive neuroscience through both teaching and research.

INTERNSHIP AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Psychology students participate in a variety of experiential learning opportunities to prepare them for a broad range of careers and further study. Many students complete academic internships, which include an academic course combined with hands-on experience in social service agencies, community outreach programs, mental health facilities, hospitals, group homes, crisis hotlines, educational intervention programs, domestic violence agencies, or homeless shelters. Students also frequently participate in independent study courses and/or receive research fellowships to work alongside faculty and graduate students on cutting-edge psychology and neuroscience research.

RESOURCES

Faculty advisors are always available to discuss career goals with students. In addition, the department frequently sponsors events, such as invited presentations and symposia, to help students learn about careers in psychology. Involvement in the Psychology Club is another way students learn more about psychology outside of the classroom.

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CORE CURRICULUM

The Loyola University Chicago Core Curriculum seeks to play a key educational role in every Loyola student’s undergraduate experience. Students are required to complete 48 credit hours (16 courses) of Core Curriculum in ten central knowledge areas of university learning.*

The Core Curriculum reinforces the development of six skills crucial to facing the challenges of contemporary society: communication, critical thinking, ethical awareness and decision-making, information literacy, quantitative and qualitative analysis and research methods, and technological literacy. These courses also promote students’ understanding of the values of justice, faith and spirituality, and diversity which are central to Loyola’s Jesuit education. Learn more at LUC.edu/core.

*Core Curriculum requirements may be satisfied by major program curriculum. Please refer to your program curriculum for specific details.

Additionally, transfer students may meet Core Curriculum requirements through transfer credit. Visit LUC.edu/core for more information or email transfer@luc.edu.