Why study psychology at WSU Vancouver?

The study of the human mind and behavior is endlessly fascinating. Psychology provides a solid background for a wide range of careers, and at WSU Vancouver you have opportunities that are seldom available to psychology students at larger public universities. Classes are smaller and more personal, and faculty members welcome undergraduates to participate in current research projects. Opportunities to gain practical experience in the field are also available.

A broad curriculum

The curriculum for an undergraduate degree in psychology emphasizes breadth of knowledge. In addition to core courses in statistics and research methodology, you select courses in neuroscience and cognitive psychology, social and organizational psychology, and clinical/counseling psychology. For those seeking practical and applied experience in psychology, community internships and research experiences are available.

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Earn a degree in Psychology

Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Minor in Addiction Studies
Minor in Psychology
Research
Faculty members in the Department of Psychology are engaged in a wide variety of research projects related to health conditions, organizations, neuroscience, addictive behaviors and psychological disorders. You can take advantage of their expertise not only by taking classes but also by working with faculty mentors on their research.

Opportunities for students

Internships
An optional practicum and internship bring classroom learning to life in community-based, applied settings. As students often say, these experiences “bring everything together.” Moreover, a practicum or internship is a good way to explore different careers (for example, learn the distinction between school counseling and school psychology), gain relevant work experience and put conceptual knowledge to practical use.

Psychology Club
The WSU Vancouver Psychology Club is a student organization that encourages students who share an interest in psychology to get to know each other and contribute to the campus community. The club hosts psychology seminars, contributes to charities, organizes social events and provides an opportunity to meet with representatives of local graduate programs.

Careers
According to the American Psychological Association, “Employers need people with communication skills; the ability to collect, organize, analyze and interpret data; and an understanding of human behavior.”

People with bachelor’s degrees in psychology can work in many fields, such as public affairs, education, sales, and service or health industries. Some graduates go on to further education to qualify for clinical practice and research.

To learn more about careers, visit the American Psychological Association website, apa.org.

Hear from our students
“The faculty members are extremely approachable and very helpful. I’ve learned a great deal from the courses I’ve taken in psychology at WSU Vancouver.”

“Every professor... enjoyed teaching their subject, (which) made it a lot easier to understand the material.”

“The psych program at WSU has the best professors anyone could ask for. These people are dedicated to what they do and are very influential to my undergraduate career. I have never had so many teachers who are this passionate about what they teach.”

“Great group of teachers! I learned a lot about the field and I feel prepared for graduate school.”