

Psychology

Psychology is the study of the human and animal mind, thought processes and behavior. Psychology majors at Illinois Wesleyan study psychological theory, use observational methods to gain insights into cognition and behavior in various contexts and conduct behavioral and clinical research.

Why Psychology at Illinois Wesleyan?

- Curriculum introduces students to the science of behavior and mental processes.
- Students receive an understanding of human and animal behavior which is based upon conclusions drawn from systematic observation.
- Various opportunities exist for students to work in psychology laboratories and learn about the data collection process utilizing experimental methods.
- Courses focus on experimental laboratory techniques, observation procedures, and measurement and statistical methods, which are all important tools of the psychologist in the study of behavior.
- Faculty have diverse research interests, including clinical, experimental, behavioral, cognitive, social, health, neuroscience, developmental and multicultural psychology.
- Undergraduate students have an opportunity to utilize all psychology facilities, including seven different labs, two observation rooms and a psychophysiology room.

Learning from a Quality Faculty

Psychology faculty will work closely with you, answering questions in and out of class, serving as your academic advisor and supervising your internship or research project. In addition, instructors' outside professional activities add an important dimension to their in-class teaching. Faculty members include:

- **Joseph Williams**, *Associate Professor of Psychology*
Ph.D. – The Ohio State University
Serves as the chairperson of the department and specializes in behavioral neuroscience
- **Kira Hudson Banks**, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
Ph.D. – University of Michigan
Specializes in racial identity, racial discrimination and intergroup dynamics



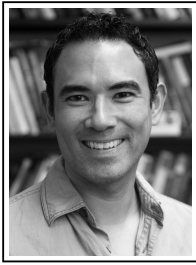
A Sampling of Courses Offered by Psychology

Lifespan Human Development
Animal Behavior
Learning and Conditioning
Behavioral Neuroscience
Abnormal Psychology
Psychology of Adolescence
Psychology of Gender
Psychology of Racism
Experimental Research in Cognitive Psychology
Advanced Behavioral Neuroscience
Neuropsychopharmacology
Social and Personality Development
Experimental Research in Cognitive Psychology
Psychological Disorders of Childhood
Counseling and Psychotherapy

Recent May Term Courses in Psychology

Animal Behavior
Child Abuse and Neglect
Helping Skills: Listening, Challenging, and Problem Solving
Cultural Psychology: Thailand and the Philippines
Human Neuroscience Laboratory
College Drugs of Abuse
Introduction to Counseling Skills
Psychology in Popular Media
Middle School Girls
Understanding Attraction

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“The Psychology Department at Illinois Wesleyan University

believes in a comprehensive liberal arts education that will prepare our students for a

variety of potential career paths, including graduate school in psychology, law school, medical school and preparation for careers in business or the helping professions. Our department emphasizes small class sizes to foster critical thinking, hands-on laboratory-based learning experiences and in-depth research opportunities in which undergraduate students can work closely with individual professors.”

- **Linda Kunce**, *Associate Professor of Psychology*
Ph.D. – SUNY at Buffalo
Specializes in children and families, assessment and treatment of a wide range of emotional and behavioral disorders and autism
- **Brad E. Sheese**, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
Ph.D. – Purdue University
Specializes in infancy and early childhood development
- **Jason Themanson**, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
Ph.D. – University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign
Specializes in human cognitive neuroscience
- **Mandy Vicary**, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
Ph.D. – University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign
Specializes in social psychology, including romantic relationships

Putting Learning into Practice

- Psychology majors will have a number of excellent opportunities to gain “hands-on” experience in the field through a practicum or internship, including working at local community public and private schools, crisis intervention agencies, and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Other students have spent a semester off campus at treatment centers in Boulder, Colo., Brainerd, Minn., and Morgantown, N.C.
- Students are also encouraged to work with professors out of class, assisting them in their research or with the completion of an independent research project. Students often present research findings at our annual research conference (before an audience of faculty, fellow students and members of the community).
- In recent years, psychology majors have been admitted to a variety of graduate and professional degree programs at the College of William & Mary, Michigan State, New York University, Purdue University, St. Louis University, Syracuse, Washington University, University of Chicago, and the universities of Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Texas and Wisconsin.
- Graduates of the psychology program annually pursue highly competitive opportunities in the field of psychology, both professional and academic, as well as careers in other professional fields such as medicine, education, social work, law or business and industry.

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