

# Winthrop University

DEPARTMENT OF

# Psychology

The Department of Psychology features a flexible yet rigorous curriculum consistent with the American Psychological Association (APA) Goals for Undergraduate Education. You'll take courses taught by award-winning faculty known for their excellent ability to teach, advise, and mentor students. You will be known in your classes because lab and seminar classes are limited to 16-18 students and most other classes average 25-35 students. We offer exceptional opportunities for undergraduate research, internships, service learning, and other opportunities for you to engage with faculty, work collaboratively, and prepare for your future.



**Joseph Prus, Ph.D.**

Chair, Department of Psychology

Welcome to the Winthrop Department of Psychology! Whether your goal is to obtain a sound liberal arts education, a career with a bachelor's degree, or strong preparation for graduate study in psychology or a related professional area, we're here to help you succeed. Not sure exactly what your goal is? We'll help you explore your options and choose the path that's right for you. Our alumni have found success in health and medicine, mental health, human services, education, business, law, and other careers.

The main focus of our department and our faculty is on teaching, advising, and mentoring students like you. All of our faculty possess doctorates and are dedicated to scholarship and the scientific study of psychology. Many have received recognition or awards for their work. But their commitment to the intellectual, career, and personal development of all students is their first priority.

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## Quick Facts

**55** psychology majors presented their research projects at professional conferences in 2014-15.

**9 in 10** graduating psychology majors have done volunteer work off-campus, and almost half have completed an internship.

**10** number of times our chapter of Psi Chi has received a Model Chapter Award and in 2009 received the award for the best chapter in the Southeastern United States!

## Degree Programs

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Minor in Psychology

Master of Science  
in School Psychology

Specialist in School Psychology

"I chose to study psychology at Winthrop mainly because of the university's small size and diverse student population. This was one of the best decisions I've ever made—the psychology department's faculty and staff are some of the most enthusiastic and encouraging individuals I've ever met!"  
- Michael Szeman, '17

## Co-Curricular Experiences Open To All Psychology Majors

- Undergraduate Research
- Opportunities to Present at Professional Conferences
- Study Abroad
- Service Learning
- Portions of Classes
- Internships

## Extra-Curricular Activities Open To All Psychology Majors

- Psychology Club
- Psi Chi, International Psychology Honorary
- Community Service
- A Student Organization and Support (SOS) Committee that provides undergraduate representatives the opportunity for input on key department decisions.

# Freshman Class Schedule

ACAD 101	Introduces first-year students to the concepts, resources, and skills necessary for successful higher learning and facilitates the student's adjustment to the learning academy.
WRIT 101	Introduces students to college-level, thesis-driven, research-based writing. Focus on planning, organizing, and developing persuasive essays.
PSYC 101	Introductory survey of the entire field of psychology.
PSYC 198	Introduction to psychology as a discipline and profession. Explores different career and graduate school options in psychology and related fields.
MATH 150	A study of basic skills and applications necessary for critical thinking in a quantitative world.
BIOL 150/151	A course and accompanying lab for non-science majors that introduces the unifying principles of biology.

**Note:** Actual schedules are flexible. Freshmen may elect to take a modern language, history, humanities course, or another general education course instead of MATH 150 and/or BIOL 150/151 during their first semester.

The courses I completed at Winthrop truly prepared me for graduate level coursework and research. From a project and paper in research methods, to learning advanced statistics, and the interesting facets of cognitive psychology, I was truly prepared for graduate school. I cannot thank you enough!  
-Kristen McLauren, '15

## Internship Opportunities

The department offers two ways to earn course credit by participating in an internship. One option allows students to be paid or volunteer at a site relevant to psychology at any time of the academic year, including summer. The second option qualifies as one of the departmental capstone courses and includes placement in such sites as a medical center, children's school, pediatric therapy center, autism program, counseling center, senior facility, and city government. Some of our students have found employment in sites where they interned.



*"Winthrop's psychology department did not stop at providing the knowledge necessary to attain my career goals. The faculty also taught me to apply this knowledge and helped me to gain the confidence to reach my professional and personal goals."*

*-Melissa Snodgrass, '16*

## Potential Careers

In Psychology

- Psychiatric Technicians
- Behavior Analysts/  
Specialists
- Employment  
Counselors
- Human Resources  
Advisors
- Recreational  
Therapists
- Department or Store  
Managers
- Research Assistants
- Social Service Case  
Workers
- Early Interventionists
- Victim's Advocates
- Volunteer  
Coordinators
- College Admissions  
Counselors

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