The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.Sc.) in Psychology focuses on providing students with a firm grounding in the field of psychology. It encourages students to embrace diverse theoretical perspectives and ideas, to develop skill in independent inquiry, and to constructively and ethically apply psychological principles.

The major prepares students for applied careers in human services and graduate education while advancing their personal growth and life-long learning. Students contribute to the advancement of psychology through research and other scholarly activities as well as through fellowship in student psychology organizations.

The Department of Psychology supports the development of reflective and competent research-practitioners versed in using modern technologies. Statistical reasoning and quantitative research methods are part of the major’s core requirements.

Why UMD

- Strong combination of applied and research opportunities
- Affiliations with dozens of service providers, institutions and agencies in the Duluth area
- Structured, supervised internship opportunities
- Students gain high-quality research training in psychology
- High tech lab for psychophysiology/cognitive neuroscience research
- Class size for upper-division courses generally 30 students
- Smaller class sizes allows for more individual attention
- Outstanding faculty in the areas of Experimental, Clinical- Counseling, and Industrial- Organizational Psychology

Acquired Skills

- Foundation of theoretical knowledge in psychology.
- The ability to design and conduct a psychological study.
- Data interpretation, analysis and reporting.
- Application of psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues.

Career Possibilities

Entry Level:

- Advocacy
- Career Planning
- Community & Social Services
- Corrections Officer
- Counselor
- Experimental Psychology
- Hospice Coordinator
- Mental Health Coordinator
- Public Relations Assistant
- Rehabilitation Services

Advanced Degree:

- Art Therapist
- Child Psychologist
- Human Resources Administrator
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist

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Scholarships

Students in CEHSP are eligible to apply for more than 100 scholarships each academic year typically totaling $120,000 annually. For more information on scholarship opportunities, visit our scholarship webpage (https://z.umn.edu/scholarshipcehsp).

Student Clubs

- Psychology Club-Psi Chi
- Industrial Organizational Psychology Club

Faculty Highlights

- Actively conduct research
- Faculty have won campus & college awards for outstanding teaching, research, advising, and service
- Psychology faculty mentored 35 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Projects from 2015 to 2020

Requirements

Any student may be admitted to the department as a Pre-psychology major. Students who have completed General Psychology (Psy 1003), have at least 24 total credits, and have a minimum GPA of 2.50 may declare Psychology as their major.

Students who wish to pursue the B.A.S. degree in psychology may declare the program as a pre-major at any time providing their cumulative GPA is at least 2.00. Students may declare their intent to pursue the degree at the CEHSP’s Advising and Academic Services Office. Progress toward completion of degree requirements is continuously tracked by the UMD Registrar’s APAS system.

Graduate Report

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here’s a sampling of positions and graduate programs Psychology grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- Crisis Advocate - Cornerstone, Bloomington, MN
- Behavioral Health Technician - Essentia Health, Duluth, MN
- Employment Specialist - Express Employment Professionals, Bloomington, MN
- Mental Health Practitioner - Helena Autism Therapy Center, Fridley, MN
- Women’s Advocate - Safe Haven Shelter & Resource Center, Duluth, MN
- IT Recruiter - Tech Systems, Bloomington, MN
- Graduate School, Behavioral Analysis, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
- Graduate School, School Psychology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- Law School, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN

For more data see the Psychology B.A.Sc. Graduate Follow-Up Report. For ideas about Psychology B.A.Sc. and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.