

DEPARTMENT OF *P*SYCHOLOGY

Faculty

- The Psychology department includes 11 full-time faculty members.
- 92% of the faculty members have earned a Ph.D. in psychology.
- Four members of our department have been awarded the Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence.
- Our faculty have research and teaching interests that cover a wide variety of popular specializations:
 - Business psychology
 - Biofeedback
 - Clinical psychology
 - Cognition
 - Development
 - Learning and memory
 - Parenting
 - Positive psychology
 - Psychopharmacology
 - Evolutionary psychology
 - Social psychology
 - and many more. . .
- Department faculty are professionally active, with memberships in the
 - Association for Psychological Science
 - American Psychological Association
 - Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback
 - Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies
 - Biofeedback Certification Institute of America
 - Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology
 - Midwestern Psychological Association
 - Sigma Xi
 - Council on Teaching of Undergraduate Psychology
 - Society for the Teaching of Psychology
 - Association to Advance Ethical Hypnosis
 - Society for Social and Personality Psychology
 - and others

- Psychology faculty have participated in an assortment of activities across campus and throughout Kirksville: advising fraternities/sororities and other student organizations, directing the student portfolio project and interview project, leading Truman's annual campaign for the United Way, serving on faculty senate and the undergraduate council.

Curriculum

- The department offers a variety of courses in the major specializations of psychology: abnormal psychology, applied, clinical, cognitive, developmental, industrial, physiological, social and others.
- Students have freedom to choose which classes they wish to explore. Only 4 classes are required for all psychology majors, the rest can be chosen from 6 sets of course groupings.
- 100% of students will conduct and present at least one full research project as part of their training in the major.
- 100% of our classes are taught by faculty members. We don't have any graduate students teaching our students.
- Classes incorporate a variety of innovative approaches to learning. Students participate in service learning, collaborate on team projects, evaluate each others' writing, develop and answer their own research questions, etc.
- Psychology majors are encouraged to participate in research, to take advantage of internship opportunities, to study abroad, and to earn a minor or second major in another area. The major is designed to accommodate these opportunities while still allowing students to graduate in four years.
- The psychology department offers a large assortment of summer online classes. Students can pick up an extra class or two during the summer from any place that has reliable internet access.

Student Research and Internships

- At many universities, undergraduates merely assist in the data collection of someone else's research. At Truman, the undergraduates develop the hypothesis, create the experiment, collect and analyze the data, and attend conferences to present their own conclusions.
- Numerous research teams throughout the department engage students in original research under the supervision of faculty mentors.
- Each year, dozens of students present their own research at the annual Psi Chi research conference and the campus-wide Student Research Conference.
- In 2012, approximately 40 students presented their work at regional, national and international psychology conferences, with the department covering their travel and lodging expenses.
- Students interested in pursuing an internship can make use of one of our many recurring programs or identify a new internship opportunity in their own community.
- Each semester Truman psychology majors participate in internships in a variety of professional settings. We have recurring internship positions with:
 - A.T. Still University
 - Bellafontaine
 - Department of Children and Family Services
 - Edgewood Childrens' Center
 - Missouri Institute of Mental Health
 - Preferred Family Healthcare (HR and Clinical)
 - Red Cross
 - and others



Graduate School Placement

- Each year up to 2/3 or more of our graduates go on to graduate school. During the past several years students have enrolled in graduate programs at:
 - Ball State University
 - Central Michigan University
 - Fordham University
 - Illinois State University
 - Indiana University
 - Kansas State University
 - Loyola University
 - Marquette University
 - Miami University
 - Northwestern
 - Ohio State University
 - Saint Louis University
 - Southern Illinois University
 - Texas A & M
 - Truman State University
 - University of Colorado
 - University of Denver
 - University of Florida
 - University of Illinois
 - University of Louisville
 - University of Minnesota
 - University of Missouri
 - University of Nebraska
 - University of Oklahoma
 - University of Wisconsin
 - Vanderbilt University
 - Washington University in Saint Louis
 - Webster University
 - Yale University