

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Better Understand Human Behavior

Investigate human behavior, whether alone or in groups interacting with the environment, as well as conscious experience as defined by attitudes, emotions, and thoughts. Employ the scientific method, and statistical inference and analysis to gather and assess data. Studying psychology at Truman will ensure that you will meet the three overall objectives of the program: to receive a broad-based education in the discipline, to utilize the scientific method, and to prepare you for success in graduate school and the workplace.

Become well-versed in the psychological sciences. Prepare for a life that matters.

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PURSUING PSYCHOLOGY

BA MAJOR OFFERED
BS Psychology
DEGREES OFFERED MINOR OFFERED
Psychology

530 approximate number of students pursuing this major
350 approximate number of students pursuing this minor

100% of majors engaged in research

11 full-time faculty members
3 part-time faculty members

RECENT AWARD — Dr. Fred Shaffer received Truman's 2013 Outstanding Research Mentor of the Year award.

DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Psi Chi - honor society in psychology and
Psychology Club - interest group



"Through coursework and interactions with professors, the psychology department at Truman has allowed me to explore and define my interests, helping me feel prepared to aim high and achieve my dreams post-graduation."

Annie Albuja, Class of 2014
Pursued at Truman: Psychology major,
Statistical Methods minor
Currently pursuing: A PhD program at
Rutgers University
Hometown: Eureka, Mo.

Faculty

- 92% of the faculty members have earned a Ph.D. in psychology.
- Three 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: biofeedback, clinical psychology, cognition, development, learning and memory, parenting, positive psychology, psychopharmacology, evolutionary psychology, and social psychology.
- 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.
- Department faculty are professionally active, with memberships in Association for Psychological Science, American Psychological Association, Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback, Biofeedback Certification Institute of America, 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.
- To learn more about our faculty visit: truman.edu/psychology-faculty

Curriculum

- The department offers a variety of courses in the major specializations of psychology: abnormal psychology, applied, clinical, cognitive, developmental, physiological, social and others.
- Choose which classes you wish to explore. Only 4 classes are required for all Psychology majors, the rest can be chosen from 5 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.
- Classes incorporate a variety of innovative approaches to learning. As a Psychology student, you may participate in service learning, collaborate on team projects, evaluate peer writing, develop and answer your own research questions.
- Participate in research, take advantage of internship opportunities, study abroad, and/or earn a minor or second major in another area. The major is designed to accommodate these opportunities while still allowing you to graduate in four years.
- Want flexibility? Choose from a large assortment of summer online classes in Psychology.



"Truman provides an unusual mix in that teaching is our number one priority, yet we all have active research programs that involve our students. This teacher-scholar model ensures that our faculty is up to date on the most current research findings in our respective areas of psychology, which in turn informs our teaching."

Dr. Sherri Palmer
Professor of Psychology

Student Research and Internships

- At many universities, undergraduates merely assist in the data collection of someone else's research. At Truman, you develop the hypothesis, create the experiment, collect and analyze the data, and attend conferences to present your own conclusions.
- Engage in original research under the supervision of faculty mentors. Present your work at regional, national and international psychology conferences, with the department assisting with your travel expenses.
- Present your own research at the annual Psi Chi research conference and the campus-wide Student Research Conference.
- Looking for an internship? Use of one of our many recurring programs or identify a new internship opportunity in your own community.
- Each semester Truman Psychology majors participate in internships in a variety of professional settings. Some recurring internship positions have been with:
 - American Red Cross
 - 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)

After the Degree

- 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 the University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Iowa, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Truman State University and Washington University.
- A sample of employers for our students include the following: Cerner Corp., PeaceCorps, Veterans Administration, various school districts in and around Missouri, Truman State University and Sprint.