

# BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS AND PSYCHOLOGY

This major aims to train students in a comprehensive set of skills necessary to understand how economic actors make decisions in real-life settings, to understand how these decisions affect economic and social outcomes, and to design interventions to improve these outcomes. Students will study human cognition, decision-making, and how individual behavior affects outcomes in markets.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

### Three foundational theory courses:

- Principles of Microeconomics
- Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
- Introduction to Psychology

### Five technique and methods courses:

- Introduction to Statistics for Economists
- Programming in Python *or* Accelerated Programming in Python
- Calculus I
- Experimental Research Methods
- Non-Experimental Research Methods

### Seven additional psychology and economics electives. Examples include:

- Games and Economics
- Economics of Happiness
- Learning and Memory
- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Human Judgment and Decision Making
- Intelligence, Problem Solving and Creativity
- Social Psychology

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Directed Research:** Students work directly with a faculty member studying topics such as computational social psychology or investigating how people recognize shapes, objects, and letters.

**Undergraduate Honors Program:** Designed to provide advanced research training in preparation for graduate study, the honors program lets students design and carry out their own independent research projects and graduate with Honors.

**Study Abroad:** Students within the Department of Psychology are allowed to take some of their respective major or minor courses abroad, in places such as Melbourne, Athens, London, and Galway.

**Psi Chi International Honor Society of Psychology:** The Psi Chi Chapter at USC adds to students' practical and fundamental knowledge of psychology with monthly events and workshops. This is an excellent way to meet other students and faculty in the department. Official membership is based on GPA and other requirements.

**USC Economics Review:** The review is run by an undergraduate editorial board and aims to offer student analysis of high-level topics that are engaging and educational for the university and greater communities.