PSYCHOLOGY

This major studies the processes of human behavior and how we develop and change over time. The neural and physiological underpinnings and effects of environmental and social influences are also examined. Students take courses in four areas (biological, clinical, cognitive, developmental and social) as well as research design, measurement and statistical methods.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Five core courses:
- Introduction to Psychology
- Foundations of Statistics
- Statistics I
- Experimental Research Methods
- Non-Experimental Research Methods

Three additional psychology electives. Examples include:
- Drugs, Behavior and Society
- Close Relationships
- Adolescent Development
- Human Judgment and Decision Making
- Social Development of Infants, Children and Adolescents
- Human Sexuality
- Culture & Mental Health

One course from four of the following five categories:
- Cognitive
- Developmental
- Clinical
- Biological
- Social

EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Directed Research: Students work directly with a faculty member studying issues such as interventions with delinquent youth & gang members or how people recognize shapes, objects, and letters. Students may earn elective course credit for PSYC 290 and PSYC 490.

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 in the 3 majors and 2 minors 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 where all students are welcome to attend. This is an excellent way to meet other students and faculty in the department. Official membership is selected based on GPA and other requirements.

For additional information, please consult the USC Catalogue.