Psychology

This major studies the processes of human behavior, how they develop with age and change over time, their neural and physiological underpinnings, and what effect environmental and social influences have on them. Students take courses in five areas (biological, clinical, cognitive, developmental, and social), as well as in research design, measurement, and statistical methods.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW**

**Five Core Courses**
- Introduction to Psychology
- Foundations of Statistics and Statistics I
- Experimental Research Methods and Non-Experimental Research Methods

**Complete one course from four of the five following areas:**
- Cognitive
- Development
- Clinical
- Biological
- Social

**Three additional psychology elective, some examples are:**
- The Science of Happiness
- Origins of the Mind
- Close Relationships
- Abnormal Psychology
- Human Judgment and Decision Making
- Social Development of Infants, Children and Adolescents
- Human Sexuality
- Stress, Health, and the Mind-Body Connection

**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.

**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.

**Field Experience:** Students obtain hands-on experience in mental health centers, schools, business settings, agencies serving the homeless, children’s court, and drug & alcohol abuse programs.

*For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or [http://dornsife.usc.edu/psyc/academic-programs-and-course-syllabi/](http://dornsife.usc.edu/psyc/academic-programs-and-course-syllabi/)*