

Psychology



The Juniata Advantage

- **Experience:** Juniata's psychology curriculum is influenced by the ideals of the American Psychological Association. Students gain hands-on experience by conducting empirical research or obtaining an internship (or several) that offer hands-on experience through Juniata's network of faculty, alumni, and friends. The David R. Drews Psychology Fund helps fund students' travel to professional conferences.
- **Collaborate:** Research with faculty members or develop your own project. Juniata's psychology students regularly **present original** research findings at regional and national conferences including the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science, the Eastern Psychological Association, and the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research.
- **Specialize:** Thanks to the wide variety of faculty expertise, Juniata's Psychology Department offers a diverse array of advanced courses, including Health Psychology, Aggression and Prejudice, and Evolutionary Psychology. That's part of the reason why Juniata's psychology program **ranks in the top 35 percent** of colleges in the nation for the number of graduates who complete their doctorates.

Juniata's Outcomes

Nearly 70 percent of all Juniata psychology graduates go directly to graduate school in psychology, counseling, social work, medicine, or occupational therapy at schools including Columbia, Washington University in St. Louis, Penn State, University of Georgia, Temple, Clark University, and St. Andrews (Scotland). Over the past three years, our seniors have scored, on average, in the 82nd percentile on the PACAT, which is a nationally-referenced subject matter test. Our graduates earn positions with mental health agencies, university research labs, and non-profit organizations such as AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps. Ultimately, **85 percent of psychology graduates attain an advanced degree.**

Our Recent Graduates

- Tori Buser '15 is currently enrolled in a **doctoral program in school psychology** at Penn State University.
- Ariel Cooper '14 is currently enrolled at Marywood University, where she is **pursuing her master's degree** in art therapy.
- Sungouk Park '13 is attending Rochester University in **pursuit of a master's degree** in mental health counseling.
- Shayna Yeates '15 is **employed as a research analyst** for Dispute Dynamics in Philadelphia, Pa.

"I like studying psychology because it is fascinating learning how the human brain operates in relation to the way people think and behave. Psychology is also a broad field of study that doesn't restrict you in deciding what type of job you want in the future."

—Emily Green '16

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A Sampling of Courses

Abnormal Psychology
Advanced Statistics for Psychology
Biopsychology
Cognitive Psychology
Comparative Psychology
Developmental Psychology
Evolutionary Psychology
Health Psychology
Human Sexuality
Learning and Conditioning
School Psychology
Social Psychology
Testing and Measurement



A Psychology POE Story

Emphasizing a scientific understanding of behavior, Juniata's Psychology Department requires both research and quantitative skills. The designated Program of Emphasis (POE) has four required courses: **Introduction to Psychology**, **Statistics for Social Sciences**, **Research Methods in Psychology**, and **Capstone in Psychology**. After taking these courses, work with your advisers to blend multiple areas of study into an **individualized POE**. Popular examples include **biopsychology**, **animal behavior**, and **peace psychology**. Check out the typical psychology progression at www.juniata.edu/departments/psychology/courses.html.

Once your coursework is underway, you can **begin a research project** in social, clinical, child, developmental, cognitive, and biological psychology as well as statistics. And, in addition to research, you can **obtain internships** while at Juniata at organizations like the Children's Partial Hospitalization Program, the Washington Center, Mainstream Counseling, or at Juniata's own Health and Wellness Center—experiences that will help you enhance your résumé.

From Abnormal Psychology to Psychology and the Law, the courses and faculty of Juniata's Psychology Department will give you a thorough working knowledge of the science of psychology that will prepare you for careers in psychology, health professions, business, law, medicine, and more. But don't just take our word for it.

"I really enjoy studying psychology because all of the professors here genuinely care about their students and they provide fun and interesting ways to learn the material," says Patrick McEvoy '15.



Faculty

At Juniata, **93 percent** of faculty hold the highest degree in their field. In the Psychology Department, 100 percent of faculty have earned Ph.D.s, and they serve, first and foremost, as professors. They are active members of national and regional psychological science organizations. One has won the Lindback Foundation Award and two others have won the Gibbel Award—both accolades honor distinguished teaching. Another is certified in school psychology in Pennsylvania. Several teach interdisciplinary courses that take students to the Colorado Plateau, China, and Ireland.

Psychology Department Chair: J. Mark McKellop, B.A., Ohio State University, M.A., Ph.D., University of Cincinnati.

Student Opportunities

Psychology Student Organizations: Join the **Psychology Club**, which conducts fundraisers for mental health charities and hosts student-faculty social events. And, be recognized for outstanding work in psychology by joining **Psi Chi**, the international honor society in psychology.

Internships: Within the past five years, Juniata psychology students have interned at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Smithfield State Correctional Institute, J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital, the Washington Center, Wediko Children's Services, and in the clinics of psychiatrists and psychologists throughout our region. Our psychology students have also completed **hands-on experiences in Mexico, Scotland, China, and England**.

David R. Drews Psychology Fund: Developed by alumni donors, this fund supports students in traveling to major conferences and awards the most outstanding junior and senior psychology student, each year.

Undergraduate Research: At Juniata, over 60 percent of psychology students **pursue research and present findings** at national conferences and in scholarly journals. Prior projects have included explorations into human sexual attraction and how personality factors, and decision-making affect political attitudes. **Recent examples:** Adam Caraballo '15, "Female Gaze-Tracking of the Male;" Shayna Yeates '15, "The Impact of Millennial Stereotypes on College Students' Self-Perceptions."



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