



PSYCHOLOGY

OVERVIEW

Psychologists study a broad range of thought and behavior, from normal to abnormal, in both individuals and social groups. What distinguishes psychology from other fields is its strong research orientation. Research laboratories at NDSU include experimental rooms for the following:

- Human research
- Sound-attenuated chambers
- A group lab suite
- Virtual reality display system
- Driving simulator

Laboratory facilities include advanced equipment for studying human perception, brain function, information processing and social interaction. Because NDSU’s program emphasizes the scientific approach to the study of behavior, student research is strongly encouraged. Undergraduate students often serve as research assistants working closely with faculty and graduate students. Current research includes projects on health, vision, virtual reality/multi-sensory integration, information processing, behavior modification, emotion, depression, history of psychology and group processes.

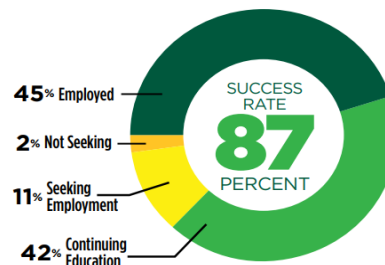
The department maintains excellent relations with a number of service agencies in the Fargo-Moorhead community. Through these contacts, psychology majors can gain field experience in human service

settings. At the same time, they earn college credit and gain an understanding of the applications of psychological principles in community service agencies.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Most professional positions for psychologists require a master’s or doctoral degree. In addition to pursuing graduate work in psychology, recent graduates have entered professional programs in medicine, counseling and guidance, business, special education, social work, law, dentistry, ministry and optometry. Many of our students seek employment immediately after completing their bachelor’s degree. Employers seek out psychology majors for their combination of people and research skills. Some of our graduates have entered positions directly related to psychological services.

- Average Annual Salary: \$42,000



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CAREER PATHS

WHERE COULD I GO AFTER GRADUATION?

- Behavior Therapist
- Behavior Analyst
- Behavioral Health Technician
- Business Development
- Case Worker
- Clinical Psychologist
- Day Care Assistant
- Human Resource Assistant
- Logistics Coordinator
- Mental Health Technician
- Teacher
- Vocational Training Specialist
- Youth Director



ACCREDITATION

NDSU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), also known as regional accreditation, which provides assurance to current and prospective students and their stakeholders that credits degrees earned from NDSU meet quality standards of higher education. Learn more: www.ndsu.edu/accreditation

SAMPLE COURSES

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER: A Sample Program Guide provides an unofficial guide of program requirements and should be used by prospective students who are considering attending NDSU in the future. It is NOT an official curriculum and should NOT be used by current NDSU students for official degree planning purposes. Note that the official curriculum used by current NDSU students can vary from the Sample Program Guide due to a variety of factors such as, but not limited to, start year, education goals, transfer credit and course availability. To ensure proper program completion, enrolled students should utilize Degree Map and Schedule Planner in Campus Connection and consult regularly with their academic advisor.

FIRST YEAR College Composition I & II; College Algebra or Finite Mathematics; Introduction to Psychology; Science & Technology; Social & Behavioral Sciences; Skills for Academic Success; Humanities & Fine Arts; Psychology Elective; Science & Technology with Lab; Social & Behavioral Science/ Global Perspectives

SECOND YEAR Introductory Statistics; Psychology Elective; Research Methods I & II; Science & Technology; Wellness; Fundamentals of Public Speaking; Humanities & Fine Arts/Cultural Diversity; Supporting Track or Minor; Elective

THIRD YEAR Psychology Electives; Supporting Track or Minor; Writing in the Sciences or Writing in the Health Professions or Researching and Writing Grants and Proposals; Electives

FOURTH YEAR Psychology Electives; Supporting Track Minor; Electives; History & Systems or Honors Thesis



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