why you belong here
Do you have an interest in researching topics as diverse as personality, development, and abnormal psychology? Are you intrigued by the psychology of motivation and learning and want to work in education or health sciences? Are you looking for a major that gives you a unique edge in business professions, as well as in any number of graduate programs? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then you belong in this program.

Chatham University’s psychology program will give you a valuable opportunity to explore contemporary theory and research in psychology while teaching you to think scientifically about behavior and mental processes, to appreciate and respect others and their differences, and to pursue a variety of career paths or graduate school.

what you can expect
As a psychology student at Chatham, you will delve into the world of research headfirst, working closely with faculty to co-author and present your findings at local, national, and international conferences. Our psychology program’s emphasis on collaboration and collegiality has created an atmosphere that many students describe as an “extended family.”

You will quickly find that our faculty members take an active interest in getting to know and respect you. While they expect the best from you, they are also eager to provide the support and encouragement you need to become a successful and fulfilled professional. There is a sense of energy, enthusiasm, and genuine fun that is pervasive in all that our psychology department does.
what you will learn
At Chatham, learning occurs in the classroom as well as through independent research, internships, honors organizations, and presentations at research conferences. These vast opportunities will equip you with knowledge in addition to critical and creative thinking, public speaking, interviewing, and interpersonal skills. Our psychology faculty takes pride in their teaching and strives to make your courses rigorous, challenging, interesting, and innovative while shaping you into a well-rounded, world-ready graduate.

where it will take you
Armed with a solid understanding of human behavior and a foundation that serves them well as they interact with others, graduates of our psychology program can move into almost any career field or graduate degree program, including healthcare and business. While still at Chatham, students are encouraged to gain firsthand work experience through internships at a variety of area businesses and organizations, including The Children's Institute, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Carriage House Children's Center, The Pittsburgh Zoo, and PPG Aquarium.

Serious psychology majors may want to consider applying to Chatham University’s Master of Science in Counseling Psychology (MSCP) Integrated Degree Program, which enables you to earn both your bachelor’s and master’s degrees in only five years.

learn more
Read faculty bios, browse course descriptions, and get professional organization information at psychology at chatham.edu/psychology.

“What I like best about the psychology department is the cohesion of the department as a whole; the willingness to find answers to questions and the ability to use each other’s strengths to solve conflicts. The professors’ involvement in creating a positive and welcoming environment is greatly appreciated, as is their willingness to help students and encourage them.”

— Chatham psychology student

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- Psychology is the largest major at Chatham University, with more than 20% of the seniors being majors. Over the past ten years, more than 95% of our students say they are glad they majored in psychology and would recommend it to entering students.
- In the past three years alone, students and faculty from Chatham’s psychology program have made more than 40 research presentations at conferences near and far, including the Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference, which has been supported by the University for more than 35 years.

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