

PSYCHOLOGY

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The Department of Psychology at Pace University's Dyson College of Arts and Sciences offers two undergraduate degrees, a **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology** and a **Bachelor of Arts in Applied Psychology and Human Relations**; and six graduate degrees, a **Master of Arts (MA) in Psychology**, **Master of Science in Education (MSEd) in School Psychology**, **Master of Science in Education (MSEd) in School Psychology** (specialization in Bilingual School Psychology), a **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in School Psychology**, a **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Clinical Psychology (Health Care Emphasis)**, and a **Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in School-Clinical Child Psychology**. Our department offers diverse training and mentorship research possibilities. Our PsyD degree is approved by the National Association of School Psychologists and accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). It is one of only 10 programs nationwide that is recognized as a combined professional-scientific doctoral program by the APA.

A degree in psychology is also an excellent preparation for a variety of careers including counseling, education, health care, law, management, research, and social work. You will have many opportunities to utilize and develop analytical and problem solving skills. Whether you want to help children and adults lead happier and more productive lives, or apply your knowledge of human behavior in a business setting, Pace University provides you with the real-world, practical skills you need to prepare for a fulfilling and successful career.

BA IN PSYCHOLOGY

Through this program, you will acquire a solid knowledge base with courses such as experimental psychology, research design and statistics, neuropsychology, cognitive psychology, personality psychology, social psychology, and the history of psychology. If you are interested in earning a master's or doctoral degree in psychology, either as a researcher or practitioner, planning and preparation for graduate school should begin in your sophomore year.

BA IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY AND HUMAN RELATIONS

In this major, we prepare you for work in areas related to mental health service provider fields such as mental health counseling, human resources, social work, and guidance counseling. Courses include psychological testing, personality, social psychology, introduction to counseling, group work and interviewing techniques as well as a two-semester practicum sequence.

COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

If you enroll in a combined degree program, you can earn both your undergraduate and master's degrees in five years, usually saving one year of full-time study.

For information about the admissions criteria for these programs, contact the **New York City Psychology Department** at (212) 346-1506.

BA IN PSYCHOLOGY / MA IN PSYCHOLOGY

Our undergraduate psychology majors can complete a MA in five years with our 153-credit combined Psychology BA/MA program.

This program allows students majoring in psychology to obtain a MA degree with a general, academic foundation in the field of psychology through required and elective courses at the graduate level.

BA IN PSYCHOLOGY / MST IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING OR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, LEARNING, AND INTERVENTION

Our undergraduate psychology majors can complete a MST in five years with the choice of one of two MST programs, leading to single or dual certification in early childhood education.

This program allows students majoring in psychology to also gain experience in the classroom and become certified to teach children from birth to second grade (or go further with a dual certification in special education) in New York State.



CO-CURRICULAR

The student-led **Psi Chi (The International Honor Society in Psychology)** chapter at Pace University sponsors various activities and events for undergraduate psychology students to help with their curricular and extra-curricular experience. These include resume-building workshops, lectures, professional meetings, and colloquia. In addition, by getting involved in Psi Chi, you can make new friends and develop a network of colleagues.

Every spring, majors can participate in the **Annual Pace University Psychology Conference** sponsored by the Psychology Departments on both the New York City and Pleasantville campuses. The research projects by psychology students from Pace University presented at the conference are of high professional quality. This conference is an opportunity for students to learn how to present papers and research posters in a professional and scientific setting.

FACULTY

Our faculty members are committed to excellence in teaching and mentoring. In support of these aims, they are engaged actively in research, scholarship, practice, and consultation. Faculty members are experts in areas such as child development, clinical practice, cognitive psychology, counseling, cultural diversity, experimental and applied research, school psychology, social behavior, and women's issues.

CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

The Psychology Department faculty strongly encourages student research. There are opportunities within the curriculum to learn research methods and engage in research projects.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Aside from studying human behavior, psychology students learn to define and solve problems through scientific methods of research, data gathering, and writing. These skills are sought after by a variety of employers. Although graduate training may be required, here are just a few of the careers that you could choose with a background in psychology:

- Clinical Psychologist
- Experimental or Research Psychologist
- Human Resources Manager
- Industrial/Organizational Psychologist
- Marketing Director
- Personal Life Coach
- School Psychologist
- Social Worker

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

The Psychology Department offers awards to undergraduate students including: the **Undergraduate Psychology Award** for excellence in the study of psychology and the **Applied Psychology Student Award** for outstanding achievement in the Applied Psychology/Human Relations program.

SUCCESS STARTS HERE

Alexis Ferguson '22, PsyD School-Clinical Child Psychology, is currently working in private practice as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Mindful Assessments & Psychological Services. She is also employed as an adjunct faculty member with the PsyD program, having taught a personality assessment course. Dr. Ferguson has also co-created a mental health social media page, where she works to destigmatize and educate the Black community on mental health topics.

Smith Kidkarndee '08, '13, MA Psychology, PsyD School-Clinical Child Psychology. "The MA in Psychology program at Pace was the stepping stone to my career as a clinical psychologist. It enhanced my critical thinking skills, as well as opened my eyes to new areas of interest. I was able to develop mentor relationships with my professors, which allowed me to partake in their research projects, present at scientific conferences, and participate in professional psychological organizations such as NYSPA, EPA, and APA."

Cameron Maruszewski '23, BA Psychology, Art History, is currently getting her MA in Forensic Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She also works as a Research and Teaching Assistant at the Westchester County Department of Corrections, as well as an Office Manager at Psychological Counseling with Compassion in Long Island.