

# PSYCHOLOGY

This major studies the processes of human behavior and how we develop and change over time. The neural and physiological underpinnings and effects of environmental and social influences are also examined. Students take courses in four areas (biological, clinical, cognitive, developmental, and social) as well as research design, measurement, and statistical methods.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Five core courses:

- Introduction to Psychology
- Foundations of Statistics
- Statistics I
- Experimental Research Methods
- Non-Experimental Research Methods

One course from four of the following five categories:

- Cognitive
- Developmental
- Clinical
- Biological
- Social

Three additional psychology electives. Examples include:

- Drugs, Behavior and Society
- Close Relationships
- Music, Mind, and the Brain
- Human Judgment and Decision Making
- Social Development of Infants, Children and Adolescents
- Happiness: Research in Neuroscience and Positive Psychology
- Culture & Mental Health

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Directed Research:** Students work directly with a faculty member studying topics such as interventions with delinquent youth & gang members or investigating 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.

**Study Abroad:** Students in the 3 majors and 2 minors within the Department of Psychology are allowed to take some of their respective major or minor courses abroad, in places such as Melbourne, Athens, London, and Galway.

**Psi Chi International Honor Society of Psychology:** The Psi Chi Chapter at USC adds to students' practical and fundamental knowledge of Psychology with monthly events and workshops. This is an excellent way to meet other students and faculty in the department. Official membership is selected based on GPA and other requirements.