Psychology

Psychology crosses traditional academic boundaries and provides for a genuinely interdisciplinary approach to learning about yourself and others. A psychology degree from University of Jamestown will provide an education in the liberal arts tradition while preparing you for the types of advanced study required for most careers in psychology.

Department Summary
University of Jamestown offers two degree tracks in psychology. The bachelor of arts degree is designed for students who will enter the workforce after graduation, and it provides students with a solid grounding in psychological theory, research, and application. Students wishing to pursue graduate work in applied psychology at the master’s level (such as counseling) or in a related field (such as occupational therapy or social work) typically also follow the bachelor of arts track.

The bachelor of science track is designed for students who will be pursuing doctoral degrees in some area of psychological research or clinical psychology; this track places greater emphasis on research, experimental design, and statistical analysis, and culminates in the senior thesis.

Students in psychology and related majors such as criminal justice may also pursue an addiction counseling concentration, which includes coursework and practical experience leading to becoming a licensed addiction counselor.

Program Strengths
As a psychology major at University of Jamestown, you will benefit from:
- small class sizes
- annual research symposium plus opportunities to present at regional professional conferences
- local internship and career opportunities
- active Psi Chi chapter and Student Psychology Association
- faculty committed to both classroom teaching and mentoring students in conducting research

Majors
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Minor
Psychology

Concentration
Addiction Counseling

Masters in Counseling
Coming Fall 2016
Psychology

Curriculum Snapshot
Together with the University’s general education requirements and carefully selected electives, a major in psychology provides both breadth and depth of preparation for a career in psychology or in one of its many applied areas. Psychology majors are encouraged to take additional courses in the other sciences, mathematics, and philosophy.

Core requirements:
• General Psychology
• Psychology in Context
• Research Methods
• Statistics
• Junior Seminar
• History and Systems
• Behavior Disorders or Theories of Personality
• Biological Psychology, Health Psychology, or Psychopharmacology
• Social Psychology, Motivation & Emotion, Cognition (need 2 of the 3 courses)

Electives:
• Developmental Psychology
• Adolescent Psychology
• Applied Behavior Analysis
• Industrial/Organizational Psychology
• Tests and Measurements
• Judgement and Decision Making
• Psychology of Religion
• Human Sexuality
• Thesis Development
• Professional Ethics
• Fundamentals of Counseling
• Psychology of Law
• Psychology of Gender
• See catalog for more

Addiction Counseling
The Addiction Counseling concentration prepares students to be licensed in the state of North Dakota. The courses have been approved by the North Dakota Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners. The program includes a 1,400-hour practicum. Additional course requirements for the Addiction Counseling Concentration are:
• General Psychology
• Developmental Psychology
• Adolescent Psychology
• Abnormal Psychology
• Personality Theories
• Psychopharmacology
• Dynamics of Addiction
• Professional Ethics
• Fundamentals of Counseling
• Diversity
• See catalog for more

Faculty

Dana Wallace, Ph.D., North Dakota State University, associate professor, teaches Social Psychology, General Psychology, Psychology in Context, Judgment and Decision Making, Health Psychology, Biological Psychology, Human Sexuality, and History and Systems.

Jennifer Lipetzky, Ph.D, Capella University, assistant professor, teaches Abnormal Psychology, Fundamentals of Counseling, Psychopharmacology, Theories of Personality, and Group Counseling.

John Crowston, M.S., North Dakota State University, adjunct faculty, teaches Fundamentals of Counseling.

“THE EDUCATION AND RELATED EXPERIENCES I RECEIVED AT UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN, GENERALLY, AND FROM THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT, MORE SPECIFICALLY, PREPARED ME WELL FOR MY GRADUATE STUDIES AND CAREER IN PSYCHOLOGY. THE SMALL CLASS SIZES AND CARING FACULTY ALLOWED FOR PERSONAL INTERACTION WITH OTHER STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND THE MATERIAL IN WAYS THAT I COULD NOT HAVE HAD AT OTHER, LARGER UNIVERSITIES.”

Chris, 2001 University of Jamestown graduate, Ph.D. in Psychology, Iowa State University

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