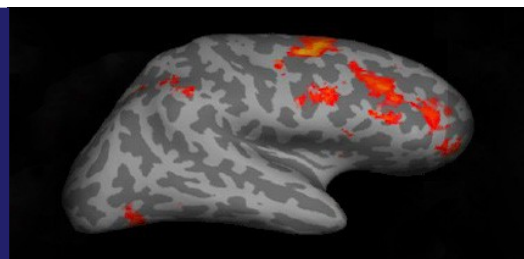


DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is a broad and diverse discipline that integrates research at the interface of social and biological influences on behavior. Our faculty contribute to knowledge of human and animal behavior and have made major contributions to the scientific understanding of learning, perception, social influence, prejudice, human development, and mental disorders.



Highlights

The Psychology Department ranks among the top four departments in the College of Arts and Sciences in terms of grant and contract expenditures (over \$9.4 million). Our effort to understand behavior from genetic to societal perspectives has impact in the classroom, local businesses, and the courtroom, as well as interventive mental health treatment.

Psychology's Clinical Psychology Graduate Training Program has been ranked first or second in the nation for the past 10 years, according to the *U.S. News and World Report*. Overall, our Graduate Training Program ranks 14th in the nation (*U.S. News and World Report*), 12.5 in the most recent Nation Research Council ranking, and 3rd in the country according to the latest *Gourman Report*.

The department has among the largest group of undergraduate majors (over 950) and the largest number of undergraduate students conducting research. It is among the largest providers of undergraduate student credit hours on campus.

Education

Psychology is among the top departments in undergraduate teaching at the UW. In 2012-2013, the Department had nearly 12,000 course enrollments and continues to be a leader in faculty-supervised undergraduate research. Well over 1,000 students also gain hands-on experience via faculty supervised undergraduate teaching opportunities, numerous community-based volunteer and internship positions, and field work. We are proud of the diversity of interests and backgrounds of our students and the fact that the percentage of underrepresented minority students in our major exceeds that of the University as a whole.

The Department offers both Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees, as well as a range of general education courses. The B.S. program—which prepares students for doctoral programs in psychology and careers in teaching, research, or clinical practice—emphasizes laboratory research and statistics. The B.A. program provides a more general background in psychology and prepares students for a wide range of graduate studies and a diversity of career pathways. Our courses are also popular with non-majors. In 2012-2013, 3,000 students were enrolled in Psychology 101 (Introduction to Psychology), making it the most popular course on campus. We continue to increase non-major course offerings to provide greater opportunities for all UW students to study psychology.

Special programs and services for undergraduates include the Honors Program, the Writing Center, the Statistics and Methods Lab, the Undergraduate Study Center, and advising support in the areas of academic planning, career, and graduate school preparation.

We have an unusually broad graduate program, with eight distinct areas of research and study: animal behavior, behavioral neuroscience, clinical psychology, child clinical psychology, cognition and perception, developmental, quantitative, and social and personality. Also available are two specialty programs, a quantitative minor and a diversity science specialization. Interdisciplinary research activity is highly encouraged and supported.

STUDENTS (Spring 2013)

956 Undergraduate majors
103 Graduate students

DEGREES AWARDED (2012-2013)

453 Bachelor degrees
6 Master of Science degrees
24 PhD degrees

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS (2012-2013)

1 Levinson Scholars
1 Mary Gates Leadership Scholar
13 Mary Gates Research Scholars
1 Undergraduate Research Training Award
1 Gonfalonier at 2013 Commencement Ceremony
23 Graduating Honors Students

GRADUATE STUDENT HONORS (2012-2013)

33 professional honors or awards received
92 book chapters or journal articles published
146 presentations at national meetings
15 year-long fellowships received
14 research grants received

Faculty

The Department has 57 faculty, with an additional 63 adjunct and affiliate faculty and 127 clinical faculty. Faculty honors include:

- 7 UW Distinguished Teaching Awards
- 2 Research Scientist Awards from the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- 2 CAREER Awards from the National Science Foundation
- 8 Distinguished Contributions Awards from the American Psychological Association
- 33 Faculty elected to 104 Fellow positions in professional organizations
- 3 Fellows elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 5 Directors of Centers/Institutes at UW
- 2 PATHWAY to Independence Awards

Research Highlights

Shared research facilities with state-of-the-art equipment facilitate innovative research initiatives that cross traditional disciplinary boundaries. These include a neuroimaging facility jointly operated by the Psychology and Radiology departments, an electrophysiological research facility serving all faculty and graduate students in the department, and a new child behavior testing facility at the Department's Center for Child and Family Well-being.

Our faculty and students make fundamental discoveries and advances, including:

- understanding how learning changes from infancy to adolescence;
- the development of new programs for reducing alcohol and drug use in our youth;
- uncovering cellular processes that underlie normal learning, memory, and decision-making so that we can better understand why normal brain circuitry goes awry as in the case of substance abuse and mental health conditions;
- how the brain processes visual information to generate individual differences in perception;
- neural, cognitive, and evolutionary mechanisms of language and communication;
- discovering social and cultural influences on prejudice and bias;
- developing methods of reducing HIV transmission in high risk populations;
- uncovering best practices for the early detection and treatment of autism;
- developing effective treatments for borderline personality disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicide risk;
- new discoveries regarding machine, human, and environment interfaces.

Community Outreach and Services

The Psychology Department seeks ways to bring the latest research results to bear on important societal issues. In 2005, we established an annual public lecture series funded by the Allen L. Edwards Endowment that brings internationally recognized scientists to the UW, pairing them with members of our own faculty. These lectures are free to the public, and they are broadcast on uwtv.org.

We continue to partner with community leaders to translate research findings into practices that improve the social, emotional, and cognitive development of children. These are in the form of public lectures (e.g. in collaboration with the Evergreen School) or workshops, lectures, and seminars (via the Center for Child and Family Well-being). New Certificate programs were launched to provide Early Childhood Leadership training to professionals, and to inform the public about the latest scientific discoveries about Autism Spectrum Disorders that lead to new best practices.

The Department also serves individuals in the local community through our Psychological Services and Training Center, Addictive Behaviors Research Center, Behavioral Research and Training Clinic, Center for Anxiety & Traumatic Stress, and the LEARN Clinic. Psychology faculty members also provide targeted workshops in schools, companies, and community organizations. They participate in K-12 education via the UW in the High School program, and local science fairs. Faculty also provide expert witness services in the legal system.

FACULTY

26	Professors
5	Research Professors
15	Associate Professors
2	Research Associate Professors
4	Assistant Professors
1	Research Assistant Professor
2	Principal Lecturers
2	Senior Lecturers
34	Adjunct Faculty
29	Affiliate Faculty
127	Clinical Faculty
11	Emeritus Faculty
3	Research Emeritus Faculty
2	Endowed Professorships

MAJOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING AREAS

Adult Clinical

Animal Behavior

Behavioral Neuroscience

Child Clinical

Cognition and Perception

Developmental

Quantitative

Social and Personality

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH INTEREST AREAS

Addictive Behaviors

Child and Family Well-Being

Cognition, Brain and Behavior

Diversity Science

Global Issues in Psychology

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