



# Psychology, M.A.

Exploring the complexities of the mind and behavior of humans and animals are at the heart of the Master of Arts, Psychology program. Students passionate about Psychology who have a spirit for adventure come from around the country to learn about all the things that make us, well, us. Led by supportive faculty, our rigorous programs are grounded in the practical experiences you need to be prepared for today's workforce and the theoretical background and experiences to prepare students for academia.

## Experience Your Learning

We pride ourselves on the significant hands-on learning experiences for graduates.

Each year, dozens of Psychology students present their work at professional conferences, such as the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, the Society for Research on Adolescence, the International Society for Political Psychology, and the Western Psychological Association conferences.

Special facilities and opportunities include: research labs for neuroscience, social, developmental, cognitive, clinical, and community psychology; and a psychological test library; interviewing and counseling rooms with video equipment and one-way mirrors. Students also have opportunities for observation and research at: the Child Development Lab, a demonstration preschool; supervised volunteer experience in the community; and exchange programs with other universities.

Conduct research with faculty in any one of our labs: the Academic Motivation & Resilience Lab; the Behavioral Endocrinology Research Lab; the Behavioral Neuroscience Lab; Cultural Diversity & Adolescent Development Lab; Intergroup Relations Lab; Social Identity Lab; and the Sex Research and Education Lab.

### X Did you know?

- Choose from three master's degree programs: Academic Research; Counseling; or School Psychology.
- Earn your master's degree in Psychology in just one year through our Blended program.
- Work side-by-side with faculty on their research in our labs.



# Academics & Options

## Psychology, M.A.

### Psychology–Academic Research, M.A.

A two-year Master's degree program with a focus in one of four options:

- **Behavior Analysis:** Develop skills in conducting behavioral research and providing applied behavior analysis services for children and adults in areas including education, intellectual disabilities, major neurocognitive disorders, and autism spectrum disorders.
- **Developmental:** Learn about development, with a particular focus on context and culture.
- **Social/Cognitive:** Explore how thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are influenced by others and the processes underlying these influences.
- **Neuroscience:** Examine the physiological bases of behavior, particularly how the brain and hormones affect behavior.

### Psychology–Counseling, M.A.

The program provides the educational requirements for the Marriage and Family Therapist license in California. Students earn practicum hours under the supervision of a licensed therapist in Counseling & Psychology Services on campus. Graduates may be employed in many settings including community agencies and healthcare settings and may also open private practices.

### School Psychology, M.A.

The School Psychology program is accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and successful completion yields school psychology licensure in California. The program combines coursework, supervised field-based experiences, and research training to prepare candidates.

### Blended Program

Earn your master's degree in Psychology in just one year. Eligibility requirements: Pursue your bachelor's degree in Psychology at Cal Poly Humboldt; and enroll in our M.A. program as an undergraduate during your senior year.

## Careers

A broad field comprising more than 50 different specialties, Psychology can also be applied to nearly any career. When you graduate from our program, you will be prepared for the workforce with the knowledge and highly marketable skills that are essential in today's world.

- Advertising Agent
- Behavioral Technician
- Conflict Resolution Mediator
- Counselor/Therapist
- Data Analyst
- Institutional Researcher
- Market Research Analyst
- Nonprofit Director
- Personnel Administrator
- School Counselor or Psychologist
- University Professor or Instructor



**I was amazed and honored by the support I received from the faculty and staff in the School Psychology graduate program. Not only did I have wonderful professors who supported my journey—I was placed at school sites where I experienced hands-on practical learning and professional development opportunities.”**

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