



# Psychology

*Nature or nurture? What does it mean to be human? How do we learn new things, form relationships with each other or develop from childhood to old age? If questions about how we develop, behave and think intrigue you, study psychology at Northwestern.*

## 4 study options

- Psychology major/minor
- Developmental psychology minor
- Neuroscience career concentration
- Psychology education endorsement (grades 7-12)

As a psychology major, you'll study what it means to be a self-conscious creature (human, in other words) and how we learn, develop and relate to others—as well as how our psychological functioning is influenced by biology (nature) and the social world in which we live (nurture).

A degree in psychology is excellent preparation for careers in community and social services, counseling or mental health. It could also prepare you for human resources, marketing and advertising, or sales.

## Faculty

It's in the nature of our psychology professors to nurture students. Experienced researchers and committed Christians, they'll mentor you as you learn the place of faith in asking and answering questions surrounding mind, body and soul.

Their scholarship is impressive. Dr. Laird Edman has participated in research seminars on Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford, England, and Dr. Jennifer Feenstra received a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship and spent a year in Romania researching the effects of a youth development program on participants' preparation for adulthood.

## Mind research?

Every psychology major is required to conduct a research project before they graduate, working one-on-one with a psychology professor. Your research may grow out of collaboration with a professor or you can explore an area of personal interest. Graduates report this research and writing experience is excellent preparation for grad school.

### Research with a prof

Northwestern psychology professors involve students in their ongoing research on topics like the development of eating disorders, the effects of volunteering and the cognitive science of religion. In addition to the valuable experience, students also build their résumés by co-authoring articles and presenting research results at national conferences.

## Thinking careers

Northwestern psychology graduates have pursued graduate degrees in clinical, forensic, health, school and industrial/organizational psychology—as well as higher education administration, social work and special education. They are counselors, therapists, researchers, missionaries and social justice advocates.

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