ABOUT THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

Students attending Ohio State Marion can earn a bachelor’s degree in psychology. At Ohio State Marion, students have the optimal balance of the small class sizes of a liberal arts college with the quality of experience provided by a large research university. Ohio State Marion psychology faculty members are internationally recognized for their high achievements in research and their commitment to undergraduate teaching.

Psychologists are actively involved in studying and understanding mental processes, brain functions, and behavior. You will learn about topics, theories, and studies that highlight why we behave the way we do in social settings, the keys to building lasting and satisfying relationships, the causes and treatment of psychological disorders, how we develop and flourish from childhood to adulthood, how prejudice develops and impacts us, and how our brains impact our thoughts, emotions, and behaviors. These skills provide the foundation to be successful in many different occupations.

CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

There are many! Some careers include: substance abuse therapist, human resources professional, marriage and family therapist, psychology professor, school psychologist, forensic psychologist, sports psychologist, clinical psychologist, art therapist, experimental psychologist, psychiatrist, career counselor, and genetic counselor. While about 45% of psychology graduates go on to graduate school to pursue degrees in psychology counseling, social work, and business, the majority of graduates go directly into the workforce. Psychology is a broad field with many career paths for new grads. People with a bachelor’s degree in psychology are employed in 92 different occupational categories.

OHIO STATE MARION SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES IN THE WORKFORCE

Amy Ware ('07) director of administration at James Cancer Hospital
Ashley Kroon Van Diest ('08) pediatric psychologist at Nationwide Children's Hospital
Emily Meadows ('13) Ph.D. program at University of Toledo
CheyAnne Mullins ('15) Crawford County Job and Family Services
Alyna Lewis ('17) masters in counseling, Heidelberg University

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RESEARCH & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
Students at a research university like Ohio State are able to collaborate with faculty to conduct research that makes significant contributions to the discipline of psychology. Psychology majors at Ohio State Marion regularly present their research at university, regional, or international conferences, and some have even co-authored articles published in professional journals. At Ohio State Marion, students have conducted research on informal learning in museums, how gestures impact language comprehension, the influence of different types of attitudes, the role of self-compassion on eating behavior, and adolescent decision-making and autonomy development.

Our students also have the opportunity to get professional experience through internships in the community. Several students have successfully completed internships at the Boys and Girls Club, Turning Point, Heart of Ohio Homeless Shelter, and Marion City Schools, among others.

SAMPLE CLASSES
At Ohio State Marion, you can pursue a rigorous academic study of topics including memory and thinking, human development and behavior, attitudes and prejudice and psychological disorders.

The Psychology of Extraordinary Beliefs - a course that explores why so many of us believe in pseudoscientific or paranormal claims.

Language Development - a service-learning course applying theoretical knowledge about language development to improve literacy rates, while working with preschoolers in Marion.

Positive Psychology - a course that examines how humans can use research-based psychological principles to thrive in their lives, relationships, and the world.

Social Psychology - a writing course that examines the ways in which the social environment influences thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. Topics include interpersonal relationships, aggression, conformity, helping behavior, stereotypes, and prejudice.

MINOR IN PSYCHOLOGY
A minor in psychology is a great way to make you more attractive to employers. Ohio State offers 7 different minors in psychology, which have been completed by students majoring in education, nursing, business/marketing, law enforcement, social work, engineering, computer science, pre-med, and pre-law.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
Hannah Belden
junior, psychology major
Chagrin Falls, Ohio

After spending a semester at a private university, Belden transferred to Ohio State Marion and found her niche.

“Here you can ask a question, have a direct conversation and make those relationships with the professors. I know all the psychology professors well. I have never experienced that, not even in high school.”

Belden has been actively involved in the Buckeye Campaign against Suicide, the Psychology Club and takes part as a mental health technician intern with Nationwide Children’s Hospital.