

PSYCHOLOGY

If you're interested in why we think, behave, and feel as we do, BSC is the place to learn. You will get a firm foundation in the core of modern psychology as well as opportunities to dive into innovative courses such as "Death & Dying;" "Drugs, Brain, and Behavior;" "Child and Adolescent Psychopathology;" and "Developmental Disabilities."

Our program is grounded in science and emphasizes *how* to think about human behavior, more so than *what* to think. The problem-solving, critical thinking, and human-centered skills you gain at BSC will prepare you to succeed, whether you plan to pursue psychology in graduate school, move into counseling or social work, or venture into another field such as business, law, teaching, or the ministry.

You'll develop those skills through active involvement and hands-on learning. You will have plentiful opportunities to embark on internships working with a wide variety of populations (including people with autism, developmental disabilities, and mental illness), engage in service-learning, and conduct real scientific research with well-published, highly respected faculty members. Our students routinely present research in collaboration with psychology faculty at prestigious national conferences.

From your initial days in our small classes and labs through hands-on, one-on-one work in intensive research or internships, you will make connections with the psychology faculty and your classmates that will last a lifetime. Your professors know their students' names, their interests, and their stories, and they want to know yours.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

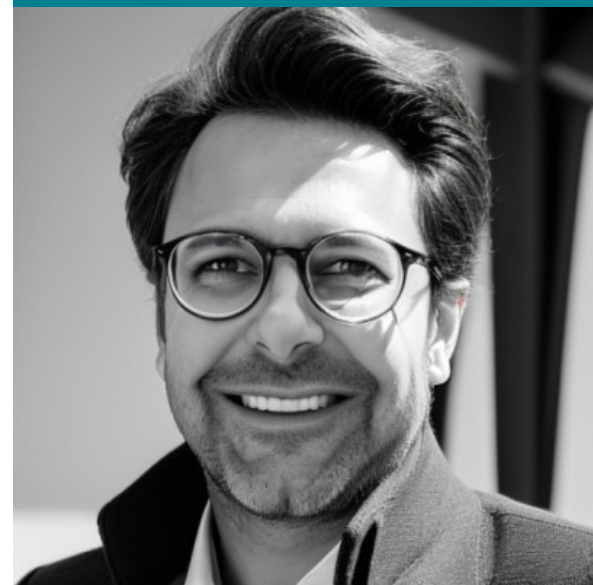
Many BSC psychology professors run their own faculty research labs and allow students to work as research assistants — a role usually reserved only for graduate students at large schools. BSC hosts a social psychology lab, a developmental psychology lab, a lifespan and well-being lab, and a rat lab.

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"At BSC, you get a level of intimate support you're not going to get at a large university. For anyone who wants to be prepared for graduate school, you need that mentorship. What stood out so much to me was that every step of the way I had somebody to consult with, who was readily available and willing to talk. My professors literally were with me every step of the way."

—Ameet Bosmia
School psychologist
Trussville City Schools
Trussville, AL



Learn more at www.bsc.edu/academics/psychology

Four-year Plan for Psychology Majors

YEAR 1

Fall	Exploration Term	Spring
PY 101: Introduction to Psychology English 102/208 or ES* IDS 142: Living a Life of Significance	First Year E-Term	PY 211: Social Psychology English 102/208 or ES* GP/CI/Foreign Language* Self-directed elective**

YEAR 2

Fall	Exploration Term	Spring
PY 221: Statistics & Research Methods I + lab (QA) GP/CI/Foreign Language* IA* Self-directed elective**	Choose any	PY 222: Statistics & Research Methods II + lab (WR) PY 224: Dev. Psychology GP/CI/Foreign Language* IA*

YEAR 3

Fall	Exploration Term	Spring
PY 312: Biological Psychology Psychology Elective Any course Any course	Planning your Career in Psychology and Related Fields or EL*	PY 313: Abnormal Psychology Psychology elective SM* + lab EL* or any course

YEAR 4

Fall	Exploration Term	Spring
Psychology elective CE* Any course Any course	Apply/interview for jobs or for graduate or professional school	PY 450: Senior Capstone Any course Any course

*CE=Creative Expression; CI=Community Interests; EL= Experiential Learning; ES=Explorations in Scholarship First-Year Seminar; GP=Global Perspectives; IA=Interpretation or Analysis; QA=Quantitative Analysis; SM=Scientific Methodologies; WR=Writing Reinforcement

**Each student must complete two "self-directed electives" outside the major and general education requirements. Internships, independent study, and grouped partial-unit courses may count.

BSC Psychology graduates consistently report that they were well prepared for graduate school and the workforce. Approximately 2/3 of BSC Psychology alumni go on to graduate and professional school; many directly enter psychology-related fields; others end up as attorneys, clergy, coaches, entrepreneurs, teachers, human resources managers, nonprofit directors, and much more. Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing today:

LALLIE BENNETT '17

Speech-language Pathologist
Basics Plus: Communication and Learning, New Orleans, LA

AVERY BOTTOM '17

NICU Nurse
Emory Decatur Hospital, Atlanta, GA

RACHEL BUCHAN '15

Economic Developmental Project Administrator for the City of Birmingham, AL

CHRISTIAN CLESI '14

Director, Govt. Relations & Global Development
Special Olympics International, Washington, DC

CARRIE DEESE '18

Licensed Master Social Worker
Pediatric ICU, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Nashville, TN

Common careers for this major:

- Addiction counselor
- Clinical psychologist
- Healthcare management
- Human resources Lawyer
- Marriage and family therapist
- Pastor
- Public health
- School counselor
- Teaching, coaching