Meet the Chair

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Welcome to the Department of Psychology at Cal State East Bay! This brochure is meant to help students who are psychology majors and minors or are considering becoming one, those taking classes in psychology, and anyone else interested in learning more about the department. We are a group of dedicated faculty and staff who are here to help you learn about psychological science, navigate the department, and develop plans for a career in psychology and related fields. Our faculty teach and study in many areas of psychology, including neuroscience, mental health, learning, and group interactions. I grew up in the Bay Area and benefited greatly from the public education system here. My college focused on undergraduate education, much like Cal State East Bay. The opportunities I had to work closely with professors really helped me explore my interests and get started on a career in teaching and research. My goal is to create the same experience for students at East Bay and set you up for a successful and fulfilling life.

Examples of Careers

- Counseling psychologist
- Clinical psychologist
- Social worker
- Corrections and probation officers
- Interviewers
- Personnel analysts
- Technical writers
- Public relations
- Recreation
- Human resources specialists
- Employee counselors
- Trainers
- Market research
- Human factors engineer

Welcome to Psychology!

Psychology is the science of behavior and mental processes. Many psychologists work with people to understand how they think, respond to stress, learn and forget, develop into unique personalities, and interact with one another. Others study the behavior and nervous systems of animals in order to find general principles that apply across species. Psychologists apply their knowledge to do therapy and counseling, to improve practices in schools, prisons, and rehabilitation centers, and to enhance performance in business and government. Careers in psychology are already plentiful and fulfilling, and the field is one of the fastest growing in the world.

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The Psychology Department offers these programs:

**Bachelor of Arts**
- B.A. Psychology

**Bachelor of Science**
- B.S. Concentration in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- B.S. Concentration in Ergonomics and Human Factors

**Minor**
- Psychology Minor

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**Why choose CSUEB?**

- Students develop practical skills desired by employers and grad schools.
- All classes are taught by Ph.D. faculty.
- Faculty members in the Department of Psychology devote their full attention to undergraduates. Master's degrees in psychology are offered in the Department of Educational Psychology, a separate department.
- Interested undergraduate students are encouraged to perform independent research or participate in faculty research.
- Classes are friendly and cooperative.
- There's an active Psychology Club for all students, and a chapter of Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society.
- Undergraduate students have access to computers, laboratory facilities, and equipment. These include laboratories for working with people and rooms for observing individuals and groups.
- Student body is very diverse in culture, age, and ethnicity.

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**Student Organizations**

**Psi Chi**
The National Honor Society in Psychology is called Psi Chi. There is a chapter at this University. Membership in Psi Chi requires an overall grade-point average in the top 35% and completion of twelve or more units in Psychology with at least a B average. Dues are also required.

**Psychology Club**
The Psychology Club is open to all students enrolled at this University. There are no grade requirements, no dues, and no attendance requirements. The Psychology Club arranges events for the benefit of psychology majors. It is a student-run organization with a faculty adviser. Psychology Club members receive e-mail notification of all Psychology Club events, and can send e-mail to all other Psychology Club members. Each year the club must reform, with new officers. An invitation to join is e-mailed to all Psychology majors every Fall.