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Is Psychology for you?

Do you want to understand people? Do you find yourself saying, “Why did they do that?” Do you want to unlock the mysteries of the mind or learn to help others? If so, psychology might be for you.

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour, cognition, and emotions. We examine psychological issues at multiple levels of analysis: from the neuronal level (e.g. study of cognitive processes like memory) to the societal context. Psychology relates to every aspect of people’s lives; we are concerned with how people develop and change over time.

We are also interested to learn how people manage relationships, how they treat each other, and how people communicate and behave across cultures. We also seek to understand deviant behaviour, witness behaviour, and how to predict, understand, and modify criminal behaviour. Much of the work we do is focused on understanding and improving people’s mental, physical, and relational health.

Where will you go from here?

SFU’s Psychology undergraduate program offers a broad range of courses in history, quantitative and theoretical psychology, cognitive and neural science, developmental psychology, social psychology, forensic psychology, and clinical science.

We value research, and students can work closely with faculty on research projects.

Our students graduate with a comprehensive liberal arts education. Some go on to complete graduate degrees in psychology and become practicing clinicians or academics. Others pursue advanced degrees in law, occupational therapy, or public health, to name a few.

Want to know more?

We offer major and minor programs, honours, and a bachelor of science in behavioural neuroscience that is jointly offered with the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology. We also have joint majors with Criminology, Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, and Business Administration. You can also complete a major with a concentration in Applied Behaviour Analysis.

We have an active Psychology Student Union (PSU) that organizes events on topics such as applying to graduate school and entering the workforce, and social events to connect with other psychology students. The PSU also produces an undergraduate psychology journal that showcases student research.