

Psychology

The psychology curriculum at Guilford College is designed to familiarize students with current methods and theories in areas of investigation such as learning, personality, social interaction, motivation and perception. Students are encouraged to appreciate different approaches and points of view and to see how clinical and laboratory methods supplement each other. A student majoring in psychology may expect to develop rigorous habits of observation with reference to psychological phenomena, to become aware of the need for statistical knowledge in the manipulation of psychological data, to avoid the simple explanation, and to recognize the role of multiple causation in the determination of human behavior.

Why Guilford College?

Consistently rated nationally by *The Princeton Review* as well as being one of the 40 colleges in *Colleges that Change Lives* by Loren Pope, Guilford College inspires each student to achieve excellence through an engaging community, rooted in Quaker values, which nurtures creativity and social responsibility.

What can a Guilford education offer you?

- An urban setting near other colleges & universities with an area student population of over 27,000 students
- A consortium agreement with University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, Bennett College, North Carolina A&T University, Elon University and High Point University provides students with access to courses free of charge
- A college mission statement & core values based on, and consistent with, Quaker testimonies. Guilford's core values are: Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice & Stewardship.
- A challenging academic program which emphasizes not only academic tracks and the learning process, but also the interconnection between curricular and co-curricular pursuits
- A diverse student population providing a stimulating peer environment
- Excellent study abroad programs in China, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Scotland, Spain, and Wales

The academic program in Psychology

The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in Psychology
A minor is offered in Psychology.

Required courses for the Psychology major

Major consists of 8 courses (32 credit hours) in psychology

- PSY 100 General Psychology
- PSY 301 Research Methods
- PSY 445 History and Contemporary Issues
- Five Psychology Courses, three at the 300 or 400 level

Internship Opportunities

Though it is not a requirement, most of our students do at least one internship while they are at Guilford. Students who do their internships during the summer often arrange to do them in their hometowns, so we have had students doing internships not only in and around Greensboro but in Washington, Atlanta, New York or Akron, Ohio. Among the locations where students have completed recent internships include:

- Servant Leadership School
- Vandalia Elementary School
- Mental Health Association of Greensboro
- Successful Transitions LLC

Independent Study

We encourage our advanced students to do independent research. Most (but not all) independent studies are empirical explorations, often based on issues students have explored in previous psychology courses. An independent study calls for intensive work with a faculty member (and, sometimes, more than that).

Though the nature of the work varies for different projects, generally independent research calls for the student reviewing the relevant literature, developing a research proposal, carrying out the research itself, analyzing the data, and writing up a final report. Independent studies are excellent preparation for graduate work. Some independent studies have been the basis for departmental honors theses, and some have led to presentations at conferences and publications in psychology journals.

Where do graduates go?

Guilford graduates who have majored in psychology go in many directions. Some go to graduate school in psychology, counseling, social work and related fields. Some go to law school, divinity school, or business school. Some work for social service agencies, and others work in the business world, drawing on the insights and skills they have learned as psychology majors and as liberal arts students.

Recent Guilford graduates majoring in psychology have been admitted into graduate programs at the following schools:

- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- Western Carolina University
- Drexel University
- University of Southern Mississippi

For a complete listing of graduate schools attended by Guilford psychology alumni, please visit <http://www.guilford.edu/academics/departments/psychology/grad.html>

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