Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science

Psychology

Why do we think, behave and feel the way we do? How do we learn to cope with stress? How does the brain work and what are the behavioural effects of hormones? These are some of the fundamental questions that you explore when you study Psychology at Nipissing.

Nipissing prides itself on being student-centred. This means our focus is on your learning experience in the courses you take and your development beyond the classroom. For example, you will have the opportunity to join one of the research labs run by our award-winning faculty members. You will work alongside your professors and other students to investigate topics such as neuroscience, how younger and older adults process and understand speech, behaviour and mating, hormones and human competitiveness, stress, criminal behaviour, interpersonal communication, psychological test development and many other areas.

You can also acquire practical experience in community settings through our practicum placements in Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) and Program Evaluation and Applied Research (PEAR). This experience is invaluable when you are ready to take the next step and apply to graduate school, become a teacher through our Schulich School of Education or begin your career in other related fields.

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Why Nipissing?
You will feel right at home the minute you step onto campus. Becoming a part of our community is just one of the many benefits of attending Nipissing and joining the Psychology department. You will also benefit from small class sizes where you will have a name and a voice. The Psychology department supports a student group named the Psych Society which plans fun events throughout the year.

We offer both the Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSc) options within the department. You can select courses such as Introduction to Psychology, Childhood Development, Theories of Personality, Health Psychology, and Behavioural Neuroscience. You may also choose courses that help you to understand psychological problems like Childhood Disorders, Psychopathology or Psychometrics. We offer courses on a wide range of topics that will prepare you well for whatever comes next.

Our honours programs culminate in two honours thesis options. One is individually supervised by a researching professor and the other is a seminar-style course where you are free to write a major paper on whatever interests you within psychology. We also offer certificates in Neuroscience, ABA, PEAR and in Early Intensive Behaviour Intervention (EIBI) — Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

What does my first year look like?
Our first year Introduction to Psychology courses provide a full survey of the field and have the added bonus of hands-on lab sections with no more than 30 students each. You will study the brain, research methods, learning, psychopathology and many other areas that will help you decide which upper year courses you would be most interested in taking.

Where Can I Go After Graduation?
Honours psychology graduates have a very high rate of acceptance into excellent national and international graduate programs due to the extensive research experience gained as a undergraduate at Nipissing. Many other graduates have continued on to successful careers in counselling, social work, education, speech pathology, medicine, law, journalism, human resources, public relations, research and clinical psychology.

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