INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Psychology as a scientific discipline aims to describe, understand, and predict the behavior of living organisms. At Berkeley, the diversity of our discipline’s mission covers six key areas of research: Behavioral and Systems Neuroscience, Clinical Science, Cognition, Cognitive Neuroscience, Developmental, and Social-Personality Psychology. The Psychology major fosters methodological, statistical, and critical thinking skills that are relevant to all of these areas.

Whether you are focused on graduate school, how to make lasting change with social justice, or finding out what makes people tick, there is an opportunity for you with Psychology.

ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR

Though Psychology is a capped major, last year, we admitted 90% of Berkeley’s internal applicants.

77% admitted upon first review
17% admitted upon second review
10% denied admission

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Gain experience as a research assistant.
- Earn credit for the Psychology major while studying abroad.
- Take a DeCal in Psychology or facilitate one.
- Attend workshops hosted by Psychology peer advisors.

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HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, staff, and faculty. Visit the Weekly Opportunities webpage for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students are welcome to drop-in and talk with a peer advisor or major advisor in our office located on the 2nd floor of Berkeley Way West (2121 Berkeley Way at Shattuck) in Suite 2210.

Advising Drop-In Hours:
Monday – Friday 9am-12pm, 1-4pm

For more information on connecting with an advisor, visit psychology.berkeley.edu/students/undergraduate-program/academic-advising or email psychsso@berkeley.edu.

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