

## COURSES:

### PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR:

11 course units, including:

- PSY 1004 General Psychology
- PSY 2224 Research Methods for Psychology
- PSY 2234 Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences
- PSY 4444 Senior Seminar in Psychology

### PSYCHOLOGY MINOR:

Any 7 full-unit psychology courses

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## ABOUT THE MAJOR:

Psychology is one of the many academic disciplines that pursue questions about what makes us human. Transylvania's psychology program encourages students to critically evaluate empirical and theoretical perspectives regarding the nature of the mind and of behavior.

Psychology is an integral part of a liberal arts education. Students will develop the tools needed to pursue scientific scholarship in the field of psychology while getting opportunities to deepen their problem-solving, communication and critical thinking skills as their studies in psychology intersect with other academic areas.

Students studying psychology at Transylvania often choose to apply their understanding of human behavior to careers in a variety of settings—clinics and hospitals, K-12 schools and universities, corporations, government agencies and non-profit organizations.

Transylvania has a dynamic group of faculty representing the major sub-disciplines in psychology, allowing students broad exploration and knowledge in the field, which is experience that employers and graduate schools value. Our location in the heart of Lexington provides many opportunities for internships and collaboration with professionals in laboratory, clinical and non-profit settings.

## OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MAJOR:

- Research assistantships for course credit
- Conduct original research for course credit
- Psi Chi (national honor society in psychology)
- Kentucky Psychological Association
- Psychology Club

## WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE STUDIED:

- California School of Professional Psychology
- Chicago School of Professional Psychology
- Pennsylvania State University
- Rutgers University
- Stanford University
- University of South Carolina
- Vanderbilt University Law School

## POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HAVE HELD:

- Attorney
- Child advocate
- Client services manager
- College professor
- Director of adult day care center
- Human resources assistant
- Mental health specialist
- Pharmacist
- Project manager
- Research technician
- School psychologist
- Statistical analyst

## COURSES OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- Behavioral Pharmacology
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Health Psychology
- Human Development: Childhood and Adolescence
- Motivation and Emotion
- Psychology of Gender
- Theories of Psychotherapy

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- The Ridge Behavioral Health System
- Arbor Youth Services
- Kentucky Horse Park
- University of Kentucky Neuroscience
- Riverview Counseling
- Growing Together Preschool
- Eastern State Hospital
- St. Joseph's Children's Center
- Ashland Terrace Retirement Home
- Lexington Metro Police
- University of Kentucky Child Development Center



"We are proud of our psychology students' growth in their abilities to think and write critically and to understand complex ideas. Psychology alums often report that they feel better prepared for graduate school than their fellow graduate students."

Melissa Fortner, associate professor of psychology