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Legal Studies: Political Science

Department of Social Sciences

Mercy College’s four-year Legal Studies with a specialization in Political Science Program is for students interested in politics, the law, business or government. The Program is for students interested in law school, a career in politics and public administration or in pursuing a graduate degree. Students will develop analytical, writing and oral advocacy skills and will be introduced to the skills necessary to resolve conflict such as: mediation, negotiation and arbitration.

Career Opportunities:
Career opportunities include: law, business, government services, international affairs/organizations, interest representation (lobbying), campaign management, non-profits/non-governmental organizations (NGOs), military, conflict management, organizational management and teaching.

Courses of Interest:
Political Science students study a wide array of courses, including: Managing Human Conflict, Constitutional Law and Policy, Research Writing and Community, State and Regional Politics to name a few.

Did You Know?
Internships are available for political science students.

Campuses:
Dobbs Ferry, Bronx and some courses offered online.

Financial Aid:
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Mercy also works hard to help you identify and secure all the funding available to you, including New York State and federal grants. We offer a variety of programs to help you pay for your education — from scholarships to grants to work-study programs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I major in legal studies with a specialization in political science?
The legal studies major with a specialization in political science is for students interested in government or attending law school. The program is designed to help students develop the oral communication, writing and critical thinking skills needed to be successful in the government and legal fields.

Will you accept transfer credits toward the major?
Yes, we will review courses from accredited institutions and accept up to 18 credits in transfer toward the major.

Do you offer internship opportunities?
Yes. Internships are available in political settings, government agencies or legal settings through our internship program or the College’s cooperative education program.

Am I eligible for induction into an honor society?
Yes. With 75 degree credits and 15 major credits (and overall GPA at least 3.3, major GPA 3.4), you are eligible for induction into Pi Gamma Mu, the National Honor Society for the Social Sciences.
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Legal Studies
Department of Social Sciences

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Graduates of the Legal Studies Program are prepared for law school, careers in politics and administration, interest representation (lobbying) and conflict management.

COURSES OF INTEREST:

Legal Studies students study a wide variety of courses including: Law of Evidence, The Art of Legal Reasoning, Contemporary Issues in Legal Studies and Exploring the Courts in New York to name a few.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Legal Studies major provides a strong foundation for students interested in attending law school.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What are the benefits of majoring in legal studies?
The legal studies major provides a strong foundation for students interested in attending law school. The program helps you develop the oral communication, writing and critical thinking skills needed to be successful in the legal profession. The legal studies major also provides the student with the skill set necessary for a career in government, politics or public administration.

Are there internship opportunities available?
Yes, through the College’s Cooperative Education Program, students are afforded the opportunity to intern in the legal field.

Am I eligible for induction into an honor society?
Students who major in legal studies are eligible for induction into Pi Gamma Mu, the National Honor Society for the Social Sciences. Students are eligible if you have completed 75 credits toward your degree and 15 credits toward your major at Mercy College with an overall GPA of 3.3 and a GPA of 3.4 in your major.

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Legal Studies: Paralegal Studies Department of Social Sciences

You can have a fulfilling, stimulating career as a paralegal. Mercy College offers a four-year program degree in legal studies with a specialization in paralegal studies leading to an American Bar Association-approved Bachelor of Science. Graduates are trained specialists who can:

► Manage law office operations
► Assist attorneys in drafting legal documents
► Assume administrative duties routinely performed by attorneys

Graduates are also capable of conducting legal research, designing and developing new law office procedures and analyzing and reviewing legal documents.

PARALEGALS ARE NOT LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW. Paralegals work under the direct supervision of an attorney who is responsible for the work product of the paralegal.

Our program is structured to give you a real world, legally-oriented education which leads to the attainment of marketable skills.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Careers for paralegal studies students include: law offices, government positions, corporations, finance, insurance or real estate industries. Career opportunities include paralegals, legal assistants and law office managers.

COURSES OF INTEREST:

Paralegal Studies students study a wide array of courses, including: Legal Research and Writing, Substantive Law and Document Drafting, Constitutional Law and Litigation to name a few.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mercy College Paralegal Studies Legal Studies program is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA). Our ABA Advisory Committee consists of judges, lawyers, paralegals and community leaders. Our program is a Member of the American Association for Paralegal Education.

CAMPUSES:

Dobbs Ferry

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is a paralegal?

According to the American Bar Association, paralegals are: “A person qualified by education, training or work experience who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, corporation, governmental agency or other entity who performs specifically delegated substantive legal work for which a lawyer is responsible.”

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Are there professional paralegal organizations?
Yes. The National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA) and the National Association of Legal Assistants.

Is the Mercy College Paralegal program approved by the American Bar Association (ABA)?
Yes.

Do you have an internship program?
Yes, students are afforded the opportunity to intern.
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Criminal Justice
Department of Social Sciences

The four-year criminal justice major will prepare you for the profession, or help you advance if you’re already in it.

Graduates have found employment in public service agencies such as:

- Police departments
- Corrections departments
- Social service agencies
- Victim’s assistance agencies
- Youth counseling agencies
- Private security and insurance companies

Many students continue on to law school.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Graduates of the Criminal Justice Program pursue positions in law enforcement, corrections (including probation and parole), court officers and other court personnel, social service agencies, victims’ assistance agencies, private security, insurance companies and more.

COURSES OF INTEREST:

Criminal Justice students study a wide array of courses, including: Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Criminology, Criminal Court Process and Policing to name a few.

DID YOU KNOW?

The greatest strength of the criminal justice program at Mercy College is the academic and professional diversity of the faculty, which includes attorneys, law enforcement officers and other professionals who have had hands-on experience in the criminal justice system in the metropolitan area.

CAMPUSES:

Dobbs Ferry, Bronx, Manhattan, Yorktown and some courses offered online.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What fields of study are involved?
In addition to general liberal arts curriculum, the specialized courses include the criminal justice system, the corrections system, criminal procedure, constitutional law issues, the impact of crime on the victim and on law enforcement officers, drugs and several other related issues. Sociology, philosophy and psychology courses are also included.

What types of students are attracted to the study of Criminal Justice?

The student body in our program includes male and female adult students of all ages. Our students include police, court, and

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correction personnel, as well as other professionals who are already employed in the field.

**How long does earning a degree take?**
Full-time students can complete the 120-credit degree program in four years.

**Are department faculty available for academic advising?**
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Sociology

Department of Social Sciences

If you’re interested in the study of people, culture and society, a career in sociology might be right for you. In this fascinating program, you’ll study:

► The basic structure of human society
► Transmission of culture and regulation of behavior
► Acquisition of the social self
► Deviance
► Stratification by class, race, ethnicity, gender and age
► Urbanization
► Major social institutions
► Population dynamics
► Socio-cultural change

In addition to acquiring an in-depth understanding of the key social factors that affect groups and organizations, students will gain an understanding of basic research methods and develop critical reasoning skills.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

This major will prepare you for jobs in the public and private sectors, including law enforcement, social services, business, urban centers, government and health centers. For those interested in the clinical sociology specialization, professional roles include: mediator, counselor, group facilitator, mitigation expert and organization consultant. An undergraduate degree in sociology also prepares students for graduate study in a variety of fields such as: urban planning, crime and delinquency, minorities and ethnic studies, family counseling, anthropology, alcohol and substance abuse, social psychology, social work, medical sociology, women’s studies, demography and gerontology.

COURSES OF INTEREST:

Sociology students study a wide array of courses, including: Race, Culture and Ethnicity, Statistics for Social and Behavioral Sciences, Computer for the Social and Behavioral Sciences and Classics in the Social and Behavioral Sciences to name a few.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a 350-hour Certified Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor certificate available. Mercy College CASAC-T Program is an OASAS Certified Education Training Program whereby the courses have been approved by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), thereby satisfying the educational requirements for state certification.

CAMPUS:

Dobbs Ferry, Bronx and Yorktown

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the first step in the admissions process?
Click on "Apply Now" on the Mercy homepage or call 1.877.MERCY.GO to apply for admission to Mercy College and arrange for an appointment with an Admissions Counselor. Bring your completed application form and copies of your high school and/or college transcripts with you at the time of your appointment.

Are department faculty available for academic advising?
Yes, faculty are always ready to help students with questions about what courses to take, the sequencing of courses, and career opportunities, including internships and cooperative education.

How long does earning a degree take?
Full-time students can complete the 120-credit degree program in four years.

How many credits can be transferred from another institution?
Up to 75 credits from a two-year institution.
Up to 90 from a four-year institution. Up to 90 credits combined however the credits may not exceed 75 credits from any combination of two-year institutions as they apply to your chosen degree. In addition, you may only transfer in two courses of upper-level business credit (six credits) to apply to the major/specialization.
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**International Relations and Diplomacy**

**Department of Social Sciences**

For the student who hopes to one day become a major player in world affairs, this major offers the academic and hands-on training to shape the international issues and events of our time. Students get a thorough grounding in the art and science of diplomacy. They also learn about global politics and economics, as well as develop a deep appreciation for cultures around the world. In the process, they will develop a rich understanding of how to engage with the world around us.

The program is taught by members of our internationally renowned faculty including former ambassadors, and by professors who are also working professionals and among the country’s preeminent experts on such global issues as conflict management, security, competitive markets, law, climate change and human rights. Students have special opportunities for externships, study abroad and participation in the Model UN.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Students pursuing this program can move into a variety of fields upon graduation, including business, government, military, non-profit organizations and international civil service. This well rounded, integrated curriculum, featuring courses that encourage critical thinking and understanding of its practical applications, is greatly needed in today’s job market community and the world.

**COURSES OF INTEREST:**

IRDP students study a wide array of courses, including: World Cultures, Globalization, Art and Science of International Relations and International Negotiation and Diplomacy to name a few.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

IRDP students participate in the Model UN. The team won “Outstanding Delegation” in 2017!

**CAMPUS:**

The program is offered at the Dobbs Ferry and Manhattan campuses where students can take advantage of the college’s unique connections with the United Nations.

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**How many credits are required to complete the program?**

120 credits total, credits in the major between 30-48 depending on concentration.

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Is this program offered online?
The program is not offered entirely online.

Are department faculty available for academic advising?
Yes, faculty are always ready to help students with questions about what courses to take, the sequencing of courses, and career opportunities, including internships and cooperative education.

How do I apply to the program?
Please follow the general admission to Mercy College procedures.

How long does earning a degree take?
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Behavioral Science: Health Services Management

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Few careers impact society as much as the delivery, organization and financing of health care services. The behavioral science major with specialization in health services management is a 36-credit major. Designed to broaden your skills and abilities, the specialization does not require more credits than the behavioral science major itself since the credits of the specialization are part of the 36 credits of the major. The health services management specialization focuses your major and gives you knowledge and experiences that are directed toward an eventual goal of being a health services administrator.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
This is a very suitable program for students currently working or looking to advance their careers in hospitals, doctors’ offices and in a variety of positions in health centers.

COURSES OF INTEREST:
Health Services Management students study a wide array of courses, including: Health Care Organization and Management, Social Psychology, Financial Accounting and Medical Ethics to name a few.

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CAMPUS:
Bronx and entirely online.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Who is the Behavioral Science with specialization in Health Services Management major appropriate for?
Individuals working or pursuing work in the administrative side of health care.

I work in a medical billing office. Will this be an appropriate major for me?
Yes.

What will this major do for me?
It will broaden your knowledge of how health care services are delivered, organized and financed in the United States which can help you plan and direct your career.

How will I fit going to school into my schedule?
Our courses are available both on campus and online which can help you fit going to school into a busy schedule.
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Behavioral Science: Gerontology Department of Social Sciences

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Few things are more rewarding than improving people’s lives. If you’re looking for a challenge in a field that’s growing then a career in gerontology might be right for you.

With an increasing number of elderly persons and populations living longer, there is a growing need for people to work in the field of aging. With a dedicated faculty and ample hands-on field experience, Mercy College’s Gerontology Program will get you prepared for it.

You’ll work either directly with elder people or on behalf of them. Careers include: social work, counseling, recreation therapy, and community outreach as well as research, advocacy and teaching about aging. The goal in both types of work is to increase the quality of our lives as we age.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Career opportunities include: counseling, psychology, social work, community health, education, adult day care, health administration, therapeutic recreation, human services advocacy, senior center director, nutrition program director, marriage and family counselor, mental health counselor and nursing home administrator.

COURSES OF INTEREST:

Gerontology students study a wide array of courses, including: Computer for the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Perspectives on Aging, Aging and Mental Health and Social Psychology to name a few.

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CAMPUS:

Dobbs Ferry and Bronx.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What careers will this degree lead me toward?
Students have gone into careers in community agencies, hospitals, public health, adult daycare programs, nursing homes, government leadership, colleges, social service agencies and substance abuse programs.

Do I have to go on to obtain a graduate degree (master’s or above) to secure the best jobs in gerontology?
About half of our students obtain a master’s degree, either directly afterward, or after several years. However, many students have obtained high level positions without a master’s degree. Many employers pay for part or all of graduate school expenses.

How much money can I earn in this field?
The range is wide. For entry-level social service case management, approximately $30,000 a year. Higher paying positions range from $40,000 - $75,000*. Those who have started private programs or agencies that serve the elderly, have even higher incomes.

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Behavioral Science: Community Health
Bachelor's Degree

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The Behavioral Science major with specialization in Community Health is designed to provide a program of study for people who are interested in improving the health and well-being of people in the community.

The credits of the specialization are part of the 36 credits of the major. The specialization focuses your major and gives you knowledge and experiences that are directed toward an eventual goal of being a community health educator.

Career Opportunities:
This program is appropriate for anyone who is interested in improving the health of individuals in the community. Representative career opportunities include: wellness coordinator, health educator or health program coordinator.

Courses of Interest:
Community Health students study a wide array of courses, including: Medical Sociology: Health Care in the Modern Society, Medical Ethics, Health Care Management and Health Psychology to name a few.

Did You Know?
Specializing in the Behavioral Science major is easy, students do not need to take additional credits in order to specialize.

Campuses:
Dobbs Ferry, Bronx and online.

Frequently Asked Questions:
What is the specialization in community health?
The specialization in community health provides courses within the behavioral sciences that have to do with health, wellness and health promotion.

What can I do with a major in it?
You can help plan and operate health programs in schools, health centers and government agencies.

Can I take a combination of campus and online courses?
Yes.

How long does earning a degree take?
Full-time students can complete the 120-credit degree program in four years.

I am a transfer student. Is the Behavioral Science major feasible for me?
Yes. The major has four required courses and eight electives which means that courses that you have taken already may be evaluated and may be credited toward your major. Such courses may also be counted as electives.
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If you want to broaden your major field to include both psychology and sociology, Mercy College offers a multidisciplinary major in behavioral science. Specializations are also available in community health, gerontology and health services management.

The program provides a combination of structure and flexibility with four required courses and eight elective courses. When selecting major elective courses, a student may tailor the program to his or her particular interests and career goals.

Career Opportunities:
The behavioral science major offers students an in-depth study of human behavior, preparing you for a career in education, health services management, gerontology or counseling.

Courses of Interest:
Behavioral Science students study a wide array of courses, including: Social Psychology, Computers for the Social and Behavioral Sciences and Classics in the Social and Behavioral Sciences to name a few.

Did You Know?
There are three specializations available in the major: gerontology, health services management and community health.

Campuses:
Dobbs Ferry, Bronx, Manhattan, Yorktown Heights and online.

Financial Aid:
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Frequently Asked Questions:
How can the behavioral science major help me define my path?
Within the behavioral science, opportunities to help you decide what you want to do after college abound. A wide variety of courses such
as career and life planning, and internships can help you decide. All courses in the behavioral sciences are taught by professors who have much experience in a variety of workplaces such as, schools, corporations or health centers, which they are ready to share with you.

**I am a transfer student. Is the behavioral science major feasible for me?**
Yes. The major has four required courses and eight electives which means that courses that you have taken already may be evaluated and may be credited toward your major. Such courses may also be counted as electives.

**I work, I have children. How can I fit the behavioral science major into my schedule?**
Courses are offered often, so you’re not limited to just day classes. Also, the entire program is available online. A combination of online and campus courses has been a convenient arrangement for many students.

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Yes, faculty are always ready to help students with questions about what courses to take, the sequencing of courses, and career opportunities, including internships and cooperative education.

**How long does earning a degree take?**
Full-time students can complete the 120-credit degree program in four years.
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**Social Work Department of Psychology and Social Work**

The Department of Psychology and Social Work offers a mix of undergraduate programs that prepare students for graduate study and careers in human services, education, industry, government and health care. Qualified students may enroll in a dual-degree program leading to a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master’s degree in education, leading to permanent New York State teaching certification in early childhood or childhood education.

Students graduating from our CSWE accredited Bachelor in Social Work (BSW) program could complete their Master of Social Work (MSW) within a single year. In addition, our programs offer students opportunities to participate in hands-on training through federally funded research projects and internship and fieldwork placements. Our programs are offered at multiple locations, during the day, evenings and weekends. Our undergraduate psychology program is offered fully online for the convenience of busy students who have to meet the demands of employment and families, while continuing their educations.

**Social Work is a profession for those with a strong desire to help improve peoples’ lives.**

**WHAT SOCIAL WORKERS DO:**

- Provide counseling to individuals, families, and groups
- Help people to obtain needed resources and services
- Develop programs and work with communities to meet peoples’ needs
- Address problems related to: child abuse, mental illness, poverty, illness or disability, substance abuse, discrimination, family conflict or violence, job jeopardy and aging

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:**

The Social Work Program is career-oriented. Students who major in social work are prepared for entry-level professional positions in this field. In addition, graduates from Mercy College with a BSW in Social Work are eligible to apply to advanced standing programs in graduate schools of social work. Graduate schools of social work accept up to 33 credits of undergraduate social work courses and waive the first of two years of graduate study.

Students who graduate with a master’s degree (MSW) obtain employment in a very wide range of social work positions, with options for job advancement and higher salaries. Job opportunities increase for those with fluency in Spanish.

**Social workers are employed in:**

- Mental health clinics
- Family and children’s services
- Schools
- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- Substance abuse programs
- Criminal justice
- Programs for adolescents
- College counseling
- Developmental disability programs
- Foster care
- Domestic violence shelters
- Housing for the homeless
- Employee assistance programs
- Private practice

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COURSES OF INTEREST:
Social Work students study a wide array of courses, including: Social Work Practice, Social Work Research, Social Work in Health and Mental Health Services and Social Welfare Police and Services to name a few.

DID YOU KNOW?
A major advantage of completing Mercy College’s Social Work program is that a student can obtain a master’s degree in social work in one year, rather than two.

CAMPUSSES:
Dobbs Ferry and Bronx

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:
What is the first step in the admissions process?
Click on “Apply Now” on the Mercy homepage or call 1.877.MERCY.GO to apply for admission to Mercy College and arrange for an appointment with an Admissions Counselor. Bring your completed application form and copies of your high school and/or college transcripts with you at the time of your appointment.

Who are the social work faculty?
Educators and professionals with experience in the many fields of social work. You’ll be assigned to a social work advisor who serves as your advocate and who guides you in planning and assists with any issues affecting your education.

What is the mission of the Social Work Program?
The mission of the Social Work Program at Mercy College is to prepare students for generalist social work practice and to serve diverse and at-risk populations. The Program seeks to provide students with an education that will prepare them with the knowledge and skills to deal with the professional, societal and ethical issues they will face in contemporary social work practice. The Program is also dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life for people, to effecting change by addressing adverse conditions that impede the achievement of social justice and to educating students to act humanely and with integrity. The Program is committed to providing a high level of education and attentiveness to our students and to creating and enhancing their opportunities to contribute to their communities and the profession.

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Have you ever wondered... why do you do the things you do? What do your dreams mean? Or why do some people develop schizophrenia? If these questions interest you, then you should consider the Psychology Program. Psychology is the study of behavior, the mind and factors influencing them. With our highly esteemed faculty, diverse guest lecturers and extensive affiliations with area hospitals and clinics, Mercy College is the place to pursue your degree.

The Psychology Program at Mercy College offers more than 50 different psychology courses so students may succeed in a wide range of careers. You’ll have the opportunity for hands-on training and practical experience in several exciting Internships and Cooperative Education (COOP) placements in a number of human service agencies.

There are many opportunities for students to engage in research including those offered through the RIMI (Research Infrastructure in Minority Institutions) and COR grants (Career Opportunities in Research). These federally funded programs provide qualified students with the academic and/or financial support to pursue graduate studies. An honors program and membership in a national society are also available for qualified students.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

A degree in psychology can help you succeed in a wide range of jobs including academia and education, admissions, advertising, business, communications, counseling, child care, community services, consulting, gerontology, government, human resources, labor relations, market research, media, rehabilitation and service-related professions, to mention a few. It will also give you a solid foundation to pursue a graduate degree in many areas of specialization.

COURSES OF INTEREST:

Psychology students study a wide array of courses, including: Modern Psychology in Historical Perspective, Psychobiology, Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences and Experimental Psychology I: Methodology to name a few.

DID YOU KNOW?

Students have the opportunity to get a dual degree in Psychology and Education (bachelor’s in psychology and master’s in Education) or take a four-plus-one program that allows them to earn both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in psychology in just five years.

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**How many credits can I transfer in my major?**

A maximum of 18 psychology credits can be transferred towards the major. However, additional psychology credits may be transferred as elective credits toward your degree.

**Are department faculty available for academic advising?**

Yes, faculty are always ready to help students with questions about what courses to take, the sequencing of courses, and career opportunities, including internships and cooperative education.

**After I complete the undergraduate psychology degree, how do I know if I should continue my studies to obtain a Master's degree, PhD or PsyD in psychology?**

Your career goals and grades may determine whether you go on for a Master's degree, PhD or PsyD in psychology. In general, acceptance to a doctoral degree program (PhD or PsyD) are the most competitive, requiring a high GPA. They typically take four to six years to complete. Students who are able to go directly into a doctoral program may receive their master's degree at the same time. Many students who are unable to be accepted directly into a doctoral program, may complete a master's degree first. This usually takes about two years. Following completion of the master's degree, students frequently apply to a doctoral program.

**Can I complete the undergraduate psychology degree online?**

Yes. You have the option to register for as many online courses as you want, or none at all. All the necessary required courses for completion of the psychology major are offered online. There are no special admissions to be an online student. All of the College's online programs are fully accredited.

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