



Psychology

Degree Offered: Bachelor of Arts

Minors Offered:

- History, Spanish, Political Science and other liberal arts areas; Business, Human Resources, Paralegal Studies, Criminal Justice, Forensic Studies.

*Certificates available in Business, Human Resources, and Paralegal Studies

The goal of Daemen College's Psychological Sciences Department is to provide students with an understanding of the science of human behavior, the tools to add to knowledge of the mind, and the skills to communicate effectively with other members of the scientific community.

Psychology at Daemen:

- The Psychological Sciences Department at Daemen provides students with exposure to a wide variety of content areas including forensic psychology, neuro-psychology, developmental psychology, health psychology, social psychology, and cognitive psychology.
- Students are guided in developing skills and experiences that are designed to make them marketable in a variety of professional fields both within and beyond the field of psychology, including careers in the human services professions, research professions, and opportunities in the business world.
- Students have flexibility to choose elective courses in psychology and minor fields of study that meet their personal interests and professional goals.
- All students have opportunities for internships in many different human service agencies and other settings. Our research sequence teaches many useful skills through hands-on projects.
- Students will be able to apply the findings of research on human behavior to promote healthy living and to facilitate appropriate change in institutions and in society.

Recent Graduates:

- Activities Director, Beechwood Nursing Home
- Applied Behavior Specialist, Autistic Services
- Conference and Events Coordinator, Rochester General Hospital
- Mental Health Counselor, Monsignor Carr Institute
- Mortgage Broker, HSBC Bank
- Practice Enhancement Associate, UB Medical School
- Research Associate, Carnegie Mellon University
- Research Support Specialist, University at Buffalo Family Medicine Center
- Worksite Mentor, Baker Victory Services

Psychology Students at Daemen are PREPARED:

- Students can gain hands-on, applied experience by completing field placements outside of the classroom at various community agencies, and by completing research projects on an independent study basis with faculty in the department who are conducting innovative research projects.
- The Psychological Sciences Department focuses on preparing students for admission into competitive graduate school programs in a variety of disciplines both within the field of psychology (e.g., clinical, cognitive, health, forensic, neuroscience, and developmental psychology) and beyond (e.g., law school, medical school, business school, journalism and communications degrees).

Career Options:

Career or School Counselor, Research Specialist, Mental Health Counselor, Family Therapist, Activities Director, Human Resource Specialist, Law Enforcement Officer, Caseworker, Conference and Events Coordinator, and many more.

American Psychology Association (APA):

APA is the world's largest association of psychologists, with more than 117,500 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students as its members. APA is the leading scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States. The APA's mission is to advance the creation, communication and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people's lives.

New Faculty in the Psychological Sciences Department:



Dr. Dennis Poepsel,
Assistant Professor of Psychology

Holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from William Jewell College, a Master of Science in Psychology from the University of Central Missouri, and a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from the University of Arkansas. Dr. Poepsel's research specialization is in Social Psychology. In particular, his greatest interests lie in studying prosocial/helping behavior. Dr. Poepsel is excited to bring his enthusiasm to the classrooms at Daemen College when he teaches courses such as the Psychology of Prosocial Behavior.



Dr. Shannon Lupien,
Adjunct Professor of Psychology

Holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Saint Michael's College and a Ph.D. in Social/Personality Psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Dr. Lupien is a social psychologist with areas of expertise in the psychology of the self, self-esteem and its various subcomponents, and factors that affect resilience vs. vulnerability. Dr. Lupien will be teaching PSY 103 – Introduction to Psychological Science, PSY 247 – Cross Cultural Psychology, PSY 310 – Social Psychology, PSY 335 – Junior Seminar in Psychology (Self and Self-Esteem), and PSY 353 – Research Methods in Psychology.



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My experience in the Psychological Sciences department was enjoyable because of the support that our professors gave. With our small class sizes you can easily form a bond with your professors. My favorite part of the Psychological Sciences department was completing the research sequence and senior thesis. Since a career in research is my long-term goal, I enjoyed learning about the different mechanisms that researchers in all disciplines of Psychology use.

Before graduation, **I was accepted into a PhD program in Cognitive Psychology at the University at Buffalo.** The behavioral neuroscience lab and my senior thesis project were essential to my acceptance into a graduate program. Daemen strongly prepared me for this next step with a research assistantship that taught me essential skills needed for my future.

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