DAEMEN

Psychological Sciences

Degree Offered:
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science

Minors Offered

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

The mission of the Department of Psychological Sciences at Daemen College is to introduce students to the content and methods of psychological science. The psychology curriculum is designed to increase students' knowledge in foundational and contemporary topics in psychological science, to practice the principles of research design and data analysis, and to develop skills in a variety of domains that characterize well-educated and ethical learners. We accomplish this through a combination of integrative collaborative student-faculty research opportunities, advising, mentoring, and community outreaches in the form of career field experiences and internships.

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

Psychology at Daemen:

- The Psychological Sciences Department at Daemen provides students with exposure to a wide variety of content areas including forensic psychology, neuropsychology, 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 changes in institutions and in society.

Where are recent graduates employed?

- 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

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.

Psychiatric Services, Recreational Therapy, Real Estate, Social Work, Child Care, Parole and Corrections, Career Counseling, Substance Abuse Counseling, Production/Project Management, Research Assistant/Lab Management, Grant Writing, and many other fields.

Graduates go on to complete competitive Ph.D. programs. Recent Ph.D. conferrals: PSY.D., Clinical Psychology (Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine); Ph.D., Neuroscience (University of Maryland).

Which degree is right for me - B.A. or B.S.?

Both degrees will help you learn marketable skills, provide access to hands-on applied experiences, prepare you for graduate school admission, and give you a strong exposure to research and the breadth of sub-fields of psychological sciences. So, how should you go about choosing which degree to pursue?

Choosing the B.S.

- You are more drawn to the natural sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Neuroscience) and mathematics.
- You are transferring in with a strong natural science background.
- You are changing majors from a natural science or pre-professional program (for example, PA, PT).
  - The B.S. provides the opportunity to complete more coursework (including labs) in the natural sciences and in the natural science side of psychology (like cognitive psychology and biological bases of behavior), or to count already completed natural science courses toward your degree.
- You are interested in graduate study in a scientific research field (such as a PhD in any of the sub-areas of psychology or a PhD in other scientific fields).
- You are interested in medicine or health-related fields.

While both degrees will prepare you for advanced degrees, the emphasis on science and math within the B.S. is most appropriate for those with interest in the above fields. In addition, the B.S. requires completion of the senior thesis research project, which is excellent preparation for graduate school.

Choosing the B.A.

- You are more drawn to the arts and humanities (Philosophy, Art, Languages) and other social sciences (Political Science, History).
- You are transferring in with courses in the broad liberal arts.
- You are changing majors from a social science or humanities field.
  - The B.A. provides the opportunity to complete more coursework in the arts, humanities, and social sciences and in the social science side of psychology (like social psychology, developmental psychology, and clinical psychology).
- You are interested in a career in law, social work, counseling, journalism, political science, education, or business.

The B.A. allows you more freedom to choose coursework from the relevant subfields of psychology, along with electives from the other social sciences, arts, and humanities. You will still get research experience with our course sequence in research methods, but will have the choice of completing a senior thesis research project or completing an applied field practicum.

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).

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.

For more information...

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