

Psychology Programs of Study

SDSU offers undergraduate Bachelor's degrees in psychology, Master's and Ph.D. programs, and an Open University Certificate Program in Industrial/Organizational (I/O) Psychology.

- **Bachelor's Degree (B.A.).** Students who graduate with a B.A. in psychology find employment in a wide range of sectors, including business, education, service industry, law enforcement, government agencies, and health-care services. Elective classes can be selected in accordance with different career goals. For more information on a B.A. Degree in Psychology, visit our undergraduate advising office and resource room in North Life Sciences 105. (619) 594-5412
- **Emphasis in Industrial and Organizational Psychology.** This emphasis offers students an opportunity to complete a four-course sequence (within the scope of a bachelor's degree in psychology) that will facilitate students' competitiveness in the job market and admission to graduate programs in industrial and organizational (I/O) psychology or related fields. Students will learn about theories, research, and practice in industrial and organizational psychology. Advanced courses will provide students with opportunities to complete applied projects and written assignments.
- **Certificate Program in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.** Offered through the College of Extended Studies, the Open University Certificate Program in I/O Psychology provides non-degree seeking students with an introduction to theories, methods, and practice of I/O Psychology. More information can be found at <http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu/community/certificate-in-io-psychology/>
- **Master's Degrees in Psychology.** The Department offers a Master of Arts Program in Psychology, which includes a specialization in physical and/or mental health research, developmental psychology, behavioral and cognitive neuroscience, social/personality psychology and learning and cognition. A Master of Science in Psychology is also offered, which focuses on industrial/organizational psychology or program evaluation.
- **Ph.D. Program in Clinical Psychology.** The Department of Psychology, jointly with the Department of Psychiatry, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, offers an APA-accredited program of graduate study leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree in clinical psychology with major program of study in behavioral medicine, neuropsychology, or experimental psychopathology. For more information on our graduate programs, visit our website at <http://clinpsyc.sdsu.edu/>

- SDSU is ranked among the nation's top psychology programs by U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools 2015." Source: <http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-humanities-schools/psychology-rankings>

Student Clubs and Community Services

Clubs for Psychology Students

Psychology Club: The Psychology Club organizes lectures, social events, and networking opportunities for qualifying psychology undergraduate students.

<http://sdsupsichi.wix.com/sdsupsichi#!psychclub/ceqe>

Psi Chi: This national honor society strives to provide information, lectures, social events, and networking opportunities in the psychology department for our members.

<http://sdsupsichi.wix.com/sdsupsichi#!psichi/c1se>

SDSU Psychology Alumni Chapter: The alumni chapter promotes communication and networking between psychology alumni, fellowship, professional growth and philanthropy.

<http://www.sdsualumni.org>

Support for Psychology Students

Faculty/Student Mentoring Program (FSMP): FSMP supports student engagement and development through undergraduate research, scholarship and creative initiatives.

<http://fsmp.sdsu.edu/dus/fsmp/>

BEP (Pre-IMSD) - This program prepares participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities.

<http://sci.sdsu.edu/imsd/bep-scholars/>

Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC): MARC helps to develop talent and to increase the number of Ph. D. degrees awarded among certain ethnic groups that have long been underrepresented in the biomedical sciences.

<http://www.sci.sdsu.edu/marc/>

Initiative for Maximizing Student Development Program (IMSD):

IMSD is a year-round mentoring program to prepare upper division undergraduates for direct entry into biomedical science Ph.D. programs. Students improve their communication skills, expand their scientific network, prepare graduate applications, and increase their overall competitiveness for Ph.D. program acceptance.

<http://sci.sdsu.edu/imsd/>

Psychology Clinic Open to the General Public

The SDSU Psychology Clinic provides treatment for a wide variety of psychological disorders. This low-cost clinic is open to the general public (including students at SDSU) and serves as a training facility for the SDSU/UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology. Doctoral students provide treatment under the supervision of SDSU/UCSD faculty.

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SDSU at a Glance

Since it was founded in 1897, San Diego State University can take pride in more than a century of achievements in education, research, and service. SDSU's students can choose from 91 undergraduate majors, 78 master's programs and 22 doctoral programs.

SDSU's more than 34,000 students participate in an academic curriculum distinguished by direct contact with faculty and an increasing international emphasis that prepares students for global engagement.

History of the Department of Psychology

Until 1956, psychology courses at SDSU were taught in the Department of Psychology and Philosophy in the Division of Social Sciences. In 1946, Dr. Oscar Kaplan joined Professors Hunter Mead and Harry Steinmetz as the third faculty member of the department. Oscar Kaplan was the first member to hold a Ph.D. in psychology at the time of appointment.

Oscar Kaplan served his first term as chair from 1950 to 1952. During this time, a psychology major had been established and a Master's of Art (M.A.) in psychology had been introduced. The Department of Psychology was established in 1956 and placed in the Division of Life Sciences along with bacteriology, botany, nursing, and zoology. A Master's of Science (M.S.) in Applied Psychology was established at the same time. Oscar Kaplan served as department chair for the second time from 1963 to 1966. During that three-year span, sixteen tenure-track faculty members were hired, all of them active scholars.

In 1985, the department established a joint doctoral program in clinical psychology in cooperation with the Department of Psychiatry at the UCSD Medical School. The program has been accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) since its inception. Within 30 years, the SDSU-UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology has achieved an exceptional national and international reputation. The National Research Council ranked our Clinical Psychology Joint Doctoral Program 3rd out of 236 psychology doctoral programs for scholarly productivity - behind only Harvard and Princeton.

In the most recent academic year (2015-2016), psychology was again the most popular field of study at SDSU with more than 1600 pre-majors, majors, master's, and doctoral students of diverse ethnic backgrounds. These students were taught and mentored by 35 tenure-track and tenured faculty members and some 10 lecturers. Our faculty of teacher-scholars ranks among the top in the nation in terms of research productivity and teaching effectiveness.

Psychology Department at a Glance

Psychology is the scientific discipline that studies human behavior and mental processes: how human beings develop, learn, think, and feel.

- More students at SDSU graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology than any other degree.
- The Psychology Department was ranked 8th in the nation in 2015 for graduating Hispanic Students with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.
Source: Hispanic Outlook Magazine

Students	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
Undergraduate Majors	1457	1580
Master's	65	66
PhD in Clinical Psychology	61	59
Total Psychology Students	1583	1705
Total College of Sciences Students	5765	5253
% of Psychology Students in College of Sciences	27%	32%

Source: <http://asir.sdsu.edu>

Degrees	Academic Year 15/16
Bachelor's	536
Master's	35
PhD in Clinical Psychology	12
Total Psychology Degrees	583
Total College of Sciences Degrees	1496
% of Psychology Degrees in College of Sciences	39%

Source: <http://asir.sdsu.edu>

In AY 2015-2016, 113 students participated in hands-on field experiences to apply their classroom training in an actual field setting and gain new skills. The department has agreements with 24 community agencies to provide internship opportunities for psychology students. Whether a student intends to apply to graduate school or begins looking for employment directly after graduation, field experience helps distinguish our graduates and provides a competitive edge.

In AY 2015-2016, 89 students participated in international experiences. This included coursework and workshops in more than 18 countries including Argentina, Australia, Germany, Portugal, and Italy.

Community Service Learning Organizations Where Students Have Been Placed:

- ACES
- Benito Juarez Elementary School
- Burn Institute
- Springall Academy
- The Blind Community Center

Faculty and Student Research

Many areas of psychology require substantial funding for research success. Our faculty includes recognized leaders in their fields who have attracted major external funding to the University. In 2015, SDSU psychology department researchers obtained \$8.5 million in research funds from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and an additional \$2.9 million from other external sources. With respect to funding from the NIH, SDSU's Psychology Department ranks second among psychology departments in California and in the top 10 nationwide. From January 2012 to June 2015, our tenure-track and tenured professors have published 535 peer-reviewed journal articles (Median 4.2 per faculty member per year), 52 book chapters, and 5 monographs. 364 of these publications were directly supported by extramural funding.

Fiscal Year 2015 National Institutes of Health (NIH) Award Data for Top 20 Psychology Departments. California Universities are bolded.		
Psychology Departments in U.S.	Amount (in millions)	Number of Awards
1. U of Pittsburgh	\$18.50	16
2. U of Washington	\$10.50	35
3. NC-Chapel Hill	\$10.10	31
4. UCLA	\$10.10	38
5. U Colorado Boulder	\$9.30	28
6. Emory	\$9.20	24
7. U of Kentucky	\$9.20	28
8. U of Texas-Austin	\$8.90	31
9. U of Minnesota	\$8.60	22
10. SDSU	\$8.50	28
11. New York	\$8.00	20
12. Hunter College	\$8.00	15
13. U of Wisconsin-Madison	\$7.90	24
14. Boston University	\$7.90	24
15. ASU	\$7.80	18
16. Massachusetts Institute	\$7.70	20
17. Duke	\$7.30	15
18. Indiana-Bloomington	\$6.90	24
19. Virginia Commonwealth	\$6.00	13
20. USC	\$5.60	13

Source: <https://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm>

Our professors are enthusiastic about teaching and mentoring. Research conducted at SDSU creates exciting opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. Many students work closely together with faculty members on projects at the forefront of psychological science. From January 2012 to June 2015, 71 undergraduate and 602 graduate students were co-authors on peer-reviewed publications in scientific journals. Overall, more than 2,300 students contributed directly to the research projects conducted by psychology faculty members.