Will I have opportunities for internships?

Yes. One of the strengths of the MNU psychology program is exposing students to practical real world experience through internships around the Kansas City area, as well in other cities in the United States and abroad.

Why psychology?

If you have ever asked yourself: *Why did I do that?*, you have demonstrated an interest in psychology. No doubt there are behaviors, thoughts and feelings that you observe in yourself and others that have peaked your curiosity. Psychology is the discipline that uses the methods of science in an attempt to provide answers to these age old questions. Technically defined as the science of human behavior and mental processes, psychology is a discipline that explores the intersection of brain functioning, human behavior, and environmental influences. This knowledge is practically applied in professional psychology careers as well as many diverse settings. Topics such as motivation, personality functioning, abnormal psychology, neuropsychology, and human development are just a few of the many areas of interest to psychologists.

Why psychology at MNU?

The MNU psychology department is dedicated to pursuing excellence in teaching and training in the field of psychology. While following guidelines provided by the American Psychological Association the MNU psychology department emphasizes several key areas of learning. First, the curriculum provides a diverse exposure to the breadth of psychology. Our students are challenged to think rigorously about how psychology influences almost all aspects of human functioning. Psychology students are taught by experienced faculty who are engaged in ongoing research and practice. A particular strength of our major is our ability to provide hands on opportunities for research in animal behavior and teach advanced topics in the areas of neuroscience and psychopharmacology. Finally, students are constantly challenged to think integratively about psychology and the Christian faith. We actively encourage students to consider how a Christian world view influences our understanding of psychology.
In the classroom:
Psychology for the 21st century

With greater numbers of businesses and organizations seeking helping professionals, Psychology as a discipline has exploded across the academic and employment market. At MNU, we prepare students for engagement with psychology through a variety of academic opportunities. In the classroom, students are exposed to the many ways in which psychology impacts culture and the new scientific discoveries that are changing the way we understand ourselves and human relationships. Faculty with diverse interests in the field of psychology, from counseling to neuropsychology, provide students with enriched classroom experiences.

Research
As part of the curriculum, students are required to complete hands on research projects and may pursue advanced research opportunities in close collaboration with psychology faculty.

Requirements

Major Requirements
- Orientation to Psychology
- General Psychology
- Lifespan Development I & II
- History & Systems
- Theories of Personality
- Behavioral Sciences Stats & Lab
- Abnormal Psychology
- Psychology & Christianity
- Physiological Psychology
- Psychology of Learning
- Research Design & Lab
- Fundamentals of Counseling
- Practicum/Internship

Major-specific electives
- Applied Research
- Psychopharmacology
- Cognitive Neuropsychology
- Human Sexuality
- Social Psychology
- Understanding Multicultural Behavior
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Casework & Intervention
- Marriage & the Family
- Sociology of Religion

What students say about us

“Amazing! This has been my favorite class at MNU thus far. I have learned so much from the speakers, field trips, and the books.” - Understanding Multicultural Behavior student

The Faculty

Earl Bland, Psy.D.
Professor of Psychology

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Associate Professor of Psychology

Doug Henning, Ph.D.
Professor of Psychology

What other graduates are doing

Rick Hanson, Ph.D., ‘88
Director, Rockhurst University Counseling Center

Brian Weigelt, ‘93
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