



# Psychology DEPARTMENT

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## MAJORS

### PSYCHOLOGY WITH CONCENTRATIONS IN:

- Psychology
- Clinical Counseling
- Human Services
- Substance Abuse  
Counseling

## MINORS

### PSYCHOLOGY

As a psychology student at Edgewood College, you can choose one of four concentration options, each focusing on a different aspect of the field. The **Psychology Major General Concentration** offers the greatest flexibility for you to select courses within the major to include the various sub-fields of psychology and also requires core courses which will prepare you for advanced graduate training and future opportunities in psychology.

As part of the **Clinical Counseling Concentration** you will explore the major theories of personality, abnormal behaviors, and psychotherapies. The **Substance Abuse Concentration** satisfies the educational requirements for Wisconsin Substance Abuse Counselor Certification. You will learn the assessment, treatment, and prevention of substance abuse problems. The **Human Services Concentration** provides professional experience in human services practice with diverse populations from all backgrounds. One of the major advantages of this concentration is that it meets state requirements for the Social Work Training Certificate (SWTC). This certificate enables employment in positions requiring the title "Social Worker" while working toward Social Work certification. All psychology majors at Edgewood College are required to do at least one psychology-related internship. This allows valuable hands-on experiences in the field.

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The ability to design, carry out, and analyze research is increasingly important for psychologists today. Therefore, the psychology program at Edgewood College requires students to take two courses in research and offers opportunities for students to do research in areas of their interests.

## SAMPLE COURSES

### PSY 340 - Abnormal Psychology

A study of a variety of behavioral abnormalities in children and adults. This study will take place within a historical overview of explanations applied to abnormal behavior and modes of treatment which logically followed from such explanations.

### PSY 349 - Social Psychology

This course is an overview of theories and research pertaining to the interaction and reciprocal influences between individuals and their societal context. Broad areas of study are reviewed including such topics as helping behavior, attribution, group processes, attitude change, racism, sexism, obedience/compliance, and aggression/violence.

### PSY 445 - Biological Psychology

This course examines the relationship between the function of the central nervous system and behavior. Topics include basic structure and function of neurons and glial cells, the physiological mechanisms of drug addiction, sensory perception, motor coordination, sleep and dreaming, memory and learning, hunger and thirst, language processing, stress, aggression, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, and depression. It is often said that the brain's ultimate challenge is to understand something as complex as itself. In this course, your brain attempts to understand itself.

### PSY 375 - Research Methods in Psychology

This course is an introduction to research in psychology with an emphasis on understanding and learning to conduct research in various areas in psychology and become a critical consumer of psychological research. Each student will be required to design, carry out, and analyze the results of an original research project.

### PSY 498 - Evaluating Psychological Research

Senior psychology majors write and present to the Psychology Department a critical review of the primary research literature on a topic in psychology of their choice. They exhibit skills in search data sources, writing conceptual frameworks for the review, analyzing and summarizing the research articles, writing a critical review, and writing the final review paper in APA style.

## FACULTY

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*"Studying Psychology at Edgewood College has been great because of the small class sizes, extremely intelligent professors, and the dedication the professors have to educating us. The professors go out of their way to be available to students for both academic and personal concerns."*

AMANDA GAMMETER  
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR