The purpose of the undergraduate program is to apprehend, glorify, and respond to God through fostering the study and understanding of human and animal behavior and information processing, as well as the relevant physiological correlates. Students in the program are prepared to meet academic standards required for graduate work in any number of areas (psychology, neuroscience, medicine, law, theology, etc.). They also are exposed to principles of human behavior that promote success in any area of life, such as parenting, the job market, etc.

Course offerings provide insight into:

1. methods for studying human and animal behavior;
2. current research findings and major psychological theories, including their historical and theoretical underpinnings;
3. integration of Christian faith with the field of psychology; and
4. hands-on experience with the application of psychology in various venues (research in the laboratory, practical internships at off-campus locations).

In addition to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, the department offers an undergraduate Certificate in Neuroscience, a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, a Master of Arts degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, and a Doctor of Psychology degree.

The program provides a foundation of knowledge in the subfields of psychology, which include the areas of cognition, development, perception, neuroscience, statistics, research methods, experimental, social, and clinical psychology. This training lays the groundwork for success in graduate programs in psychology, as well as in other related fields, and in a number of other job sectors such as non-profit and government social services. Thus, the Psychology Department prepares students for opportunities in a variety of post-graduation career options. The major introduces students to the accumulated literature in psychology and develops their abilities for understanding, evaluating, and applying psychological knowledge. Students are also trained in the research methodologies utilized in psychology and provided with opportunities for practical experience in pre-professional activities related to basic and applied psychology. An important goal in all our courses is to help students in their ability to appropriately interrelate their study of psychology and the Christian faith.

Honors. The department offers an honors program for those students who meet the academic qualifications and are approved by department faculty.

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Emerita Scholar in Residence Cynthia Neal Kimball
Emeritus Professor of Psychology Stanton Jones

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