

# PSYCHOLOGY @ WAGNER

The major in psychology offers courses in all areas of psychological inquiry: **biological, behavioral, clinical, cognitive, humanistic, psychodynamic, and social**. Emphasis is placed on developmental psychology, which draws from all of these approaches. Students learn the basic methodologies of psychology as a science. They are also provided with opportunities for independent research and field work experiences. The major in psychology prepares students for a diverse range of careers in psychology and related fields including education, law, and social work.

Wagner College is a competitive, four-year private college founded in 1883. The broad liberal arts curriculum is enhanced by a rich array of internship and other professional and cultural opportunities readily available in New York City.



For more information, contact the Admissions Office at (800) 221-1010 or visit our website at [www.wagner.edu](http://www.wagner.edu)

## ALTERNATIVE PATHS

### B.S. in Psychology

Psychology students may pursue either a B.A. or B.S. In addition to fulfilling all of the requirements for a B.A., students seeking a B.S. degree must also fulfill a minor in one of the natural sciences: biology, chemistry, computer science, microbiology, mathematics, or physics.

### Psychology/Education

Students may have a dual major in Psychology and Childhood Education. Students with a dual major in Psychology and Education must enroll in Child Psychology in addition to satisfying the requirements for the core curriculum.

### Biopsychology

Biopsychology is an interdisciplinary major run jointly by the departments of psychology and biology in which students learn about the relationship between physiological and psychological systems. Study focuses on the neural mechanisms of behavior and cognition, evolutionary development of the nervous system, and mechanisms of nervous system and psychiatric disorders.

## SAMPLE CLASSES

### *Forensic Psychology*

Explores the applications of psychological research in the criminal justice and civil legal systems.

### *Theories of Personality*

An examination of the principal theories of the origin, structure, and dynamics of the personality.

### *Eating Behavior*

An examination of ingestive behavior from a variety of perspectives: behavioral, neurobiological, ethological, cognitive/perceptual, clinical, social, and cultural.

## FIRST YEAR LEARNING COMMUNITY EXAMPLES

### *Mind, Body, and Culture*

In this LC, the basic foundations of the fields of psychology and anthropology; evolutionary theory, cultural relativism, and the study of thoughts, feelings, and behaviors will be explored. By reflecting on the human experience across the globe and throughout time, students will build a better framework for understanding both themselves and the society around them.

### *Race Matters & Gendered Selves in American Society*

We will explore contemporary aspects of the modern self with a particular focus on gender, social class and race/ethnicity. Learning about and simultaneously critiquing the disciplines of psychology and sociology, we will examine both individual and social experience in our modern historical context.

## INTERNSHIP EXAMPLES

The Albert Ellis Institute  
Richmond Behavior Associates  
Institute for Basic Research  
Volunteers of America  
Veterans Affairs Hospital  
Safe Horizon Rape Crisis Center  
The Collegebound Network

## RESEARCH TOPICS

- "Freedom from Fear"
- "Spiritual Enthusiasm Patterns Among the Sunrise Assisted Living in Staten Island"
- "Eyewitness Memory"
- "Sexuality, Religion, and Guilt"

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