

## The Faculty: Researchers, Professionals and Mentors

Quinnipiac faculty members are all recognized experts in their fields and are active researchers on topics relating to their subject matter. Just as important, they treat each student with respect and encouragement. Quinnipiac also has a unique, cooperative relationship with Haskins Laboratories in New Haven, a longstanding, interdisciplinary research center that focuses on speech, language and reading. To learn more about the teaching resources, visit the web site at [www.quinnipiac.edu/x1501.xml](http://www.quinnipiac.edu/x1501.xml).

## Learning Beyond the Classroom

Internships, clinical field experiences and even study abroad opportunities enrich students' educational experience. The University has developed an area network for off-campus learning, enabling students to intern at such sites as: the May Institute, St. Francis Home for Children, Yale Child Study Center School, Riverview Hospital, Crysalis (Domestic Violence Shelter) and Women and Families Center, among many others.

## After Graduation

A Quinnipiac degree in psychology is an excellent investment—of time, intellectual energy and finances. Graduates have distinguished themselves in areas such as:

- The MSW programs at NYU and Fordham
- Melmark New England (a school for autistic and brain-injured children)
- Yale Child Study Center
- Connecticut Department of Children and Families
- Wheeler Clinic, Intensive In-home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services, Hartford
- Child Protective Services, Long Island
- Headstart Program, Greenwich, Conn.



## Quinnipiac at a Glance

Quinnipiac University, located in Hamden, Conn., offers 70 undergraduate and graduate programs to 5,600 undergraduate and 1,900 graduate and law students through its schools of Business, Communications, Education, Health Sciences and Law, the College of Arts and Sciences and College of Professional Studies.

The 250-acre Mount Carmel Campus contains academic buildings and residence halls. The 250-acre York Hill Campus houses the TD Banknorth Sports Center, and the University is building residence halls, a student center and a parking garage there. A third campus in nearby North Haven will serve as home to many of our graduate, online and health professions programs.

*U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges* issue recently ranked Quinnipiac first in the category of universities that have made the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, campus or facilities.

## For More Information

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## PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM





## Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behavior. Many students equate psychology with its clinical component—the discipline that deals with therapy and counseling. They soon learn that psychology includes many other specialties, such as industrial/organizational, developmental, cognitive, physiological and more.

The mission of the Department of Psychology is to introduce students in the major to the broad field of scientific psychology while offering an education in the true liberal arts tradition. Students study psychology from several vantage points: as a natural science, as a social science and as an applied science. In this way, they come to appreciate the complexity of the field.

A bachelor's degree in psychology can lead to a rewarding career in education, business, law enforcement or social services. It is also an essential start toward advanced studies and professional schools such as law and health care.

## The Quinnipiac Psychology Major

Psychology is the most popular major in the College of Arts and Sciences. Quinnipiac offers one of the most research-oriented undergraduate psychology majors in the Northeast. A third of the graduates go on to pursue master's and/or doctoral programs in fields ranging from clinical social work to forensic psychology.

Psychology majors learn to think critically, read scientific literature and articulate their thoughts clearly. These skills develop as they design and conduct psychological studies, analyze statistical data and present their research findings. Independent research is encouraged, and a number of students have presented their work at prestigious professional conferences such as the Association for Psychological Science.

**"Whether you enjoy working in a business environment, school or hospital, with this type of educational background, the sky is the limit. As a recent graduate, with a BA in industrial/organizational psychology, I not only felt that I had the knowledge and experience to be prepared for my new career in human resources, but I had the confidence that Quinnipiac University provides to its students."—Julie Abramson '07**

## Psychology Concentrations

Psychology majors also have the opportunity to engage in supervised fieldwork and intensive study within one of two concentrations.

### Human Services Concentration

This program prepares students for careers in counseling and related areas and provides the basis for graduate work in fields such as social work, counseling and school psychology.

### Industrial/Organizational Psychology Concentration

This program exposes students to career possibilities in I/O psychology areas and provides the basis for further study in fields such as I/O psychology and management.

To learn more about course requirements and sequence, see [www.quinnipiac.edu/x642.xml](http://www.quinnipiac.edu/x642.xml).

## Psychology Minor

Students who wish to pursue a minor in psychology select 18 credits of course work. Selections should be based on the student's interests and goals. Certain courses are reserved for majors in this field.

## The University Curriculum

Quinnipiac's University Curriculum—the common set of courses taken by all Quinnipiac students—includes courses that help integrate the vast range of knowledge in the arts, sciences and humanities with each student's specialized interests. These courses help students develop writing and critical thinking skills, build self-confidence, conduct meaningful research and work both independently and with others.

All Quinnipiac students are expected to take:

- 9 credits in the University Seminar series: QU 101, 201 and 301
- 6 credits in composition
- 3 credits in mathematics
- 28 credits in courses distributed among the sciences (7 credits including one lab), social sciences (6 credits), fine arts (3 credits) and humanities (6 credits) plus 6 credits in UC electives outside of your major

## The Psychology Curriculum (41 credits)

Students must maintain a 2.0 or higher grade point average in all psychology courses. (Course descriptions can be found on the web site at: [www.quinnipiac.edu/x3314.xml](http://www.quinnipiac.edu/x3314.xml).)

### Required Courses

Course	Title	Credits
PS 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PS 206	Introduction to Statistics in Psychology	3
PS 307	Experimental Methods I (+ lab)	4
PS 308	Non-Experimental Methods II (+ lab)	4
PS 309	History & Systems	3
PS 409	Senior Seminar	3

### Natural Science Category (take two):

PS 233	Cognitive Psychology	3
PS 251	Intro to Conditioning & Learning	3
PS 252	Physiological Psychology	3
PS 354	Sensation & Perception	3

### Social Science Category (take two):

PS 232	Personality & Its Development	3
PS 236	Child & Adolescent Development	3
PS 261	Social Psychology	3
PS 272	Abnormal Psychology	3

### Applied Science Category (take one):

PS 242	School Psychology	3
PS 262	Psychology of Women	3
PS 265	Industrial/Organizational Psychology	3
PS 311	Tests & Measurements	3
PS 325	Health Psychology	3
PS 371	Clinical Psychology	3
PS 383	Psychology & the Law	3

### Sample Elective Courses (take two):

PS 210	Human Sexuality	3
PS 350	Parenting Science	3
PS 352	Animal Behavior	3
PS 373	Positive Psychology	3

**"When graduate school interviewers talk to a Quinnipiac student, they always are impressed by two courses of research methods and a senior thesis in psychology. I'm proud of my QU psychology degree, because it was flexible enough to explore the field, yet rigorous enough to equip me well after graduation. The faculty challenged me for great ideas and supported my crazy ones." —Elizabeth A. Halsted '06**