The psychology major centers on developing and applying a scientific understanding of mind and behavior in four major areas of psychology: clinical psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, and social psychology. The major provides a background for entry into a variety of professions other than psychology where understanding the principles of behavior and cognition is important. It also provides the necessary background for individuals planning to do graduate work in either basic or applied psychology.

Degree Outcomes

- Students develop exceptionally strong speaking, writing, and analytical thinking skills, and the ability to relate to other people.
- Graduates can enter the workforce in fields including health care, government, teaching, and research.
- Prepares students for advanced study in psychology, counseling, law, medicine, education, nursing, and other disciplines focused on human behavior.
- Graduates are employed at places including the University of N.C. School of Medicine, Florida State University, Princeton University, National Board for Certified Counselors, Duke University, University of Maryland, Wake Forest School of Medicine, and Carolinas HealthCare System.

The Student Experience

- A structured curriculum, including hands-on laboratory experience, that builds depth of understanding.
- Instruction from internationally renowned researchers and lectures from visiting psychologists.
- Opportunities for internship experience supplemented with classroom discussion and interpretation.
- Opportunities to collaborate one-on-one with faculty on research, learning data analysis, manuscript preparation, and specialized skills (e.g., functional neuroimaging, impedance cardiography, social media and text analysis) under the close mentorship of faculty.
- Opportunities to present work in high-profile venues including national and international conferences.
- Choice of two degree options (BA or BS) allowing students to tailor the degree to their interests.

Accolades & Accomplishments

- Faculty have received research grants from the National Science Foundation, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
Faculty and students present their research at major national and international conferences and publish in prestigious scientific journals including Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, Psychological Bulletin, Psychological Science, Journal of Abnormal Psychology, Child Development, and Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.