Advancing the nation’s workforce one graduate at a time
Psychology Major

The Program

Psychology is the science of behavior. It explores the mind and behavior of humans, normal and abnormal, across the life span. The field is concerned with the development of principles of behavior and the application of those principles to individuals, society, and the institutions of government, business, and mental health. This diverse field allows for careers in mental health and human services, educational and school settings, research, and consulting. Many employers are interested in the skills that psychology majors bring to collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data.

Graduates with a degree in Psychology will be able to:

- Apply, evaluate, and analyze different domains of psychology
- Solve problems by applying previous knowledge to new problems
- Distinguish between pseudoscience and scientific findings
- Write about psychological topics with clarity and logical organization
- Understand psychological phenomena systematically and empirically
- Use qualitative and quantitative research methodologies
- Apply psychological perspectives to a research area such as memory, learning, personality, perception, and psychopathology
### The Psychology Major Curriculum

#### Psychology Major Requirements: 24 credits

| Psychology | Introduction to Neuropsychology |
| Statistics in Psychology | Learning and Memory |
| History and Systems in Psychology | Adolescent Psychology |
| Research Methods for Behavioral Sciences | **One of the following:** |
| Psychology Capstone | Social Psychology |
| **Two of the following:** | Psychology of Personality |
| Cognitive Psychology | Abnormal Psychology |

Psychology majors must complete 15 credits from one of the concentrations below:

- Life Span
- Social/Behavioral
- Cognition & Learning
- General Psychology

#### Recommended Prerequisite:

- Statistics
Academic Requirements

Bachelor of Science Degree

- General Education: Minimum of 40 credits
- Major: Minimum of 39 credits
- 15 of which are to be chosen from one of the psychology concentrations indicated
- Elective Credits: To bring the total to 120 credits
- 30 credits must be at the upper level
- At least 60 of the 120 credits need to be in liberal arts subjects

Academic Residency

Cornerstone: All students must successfully complete the three-credit Cornerstone Seminar (IDS 101) usually during their first term.

Capstone: Students preparing to graduate with a bachelor’s degree must complete the Psychology Capstone at Charter Oak State College with a grade of “C” or higher.

Use the Credits You’ve Earned! We accept credits from:

- College-level examinations
- Non collegiate courses evaluated by American Council on Education (ACE) or National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS)
- ACE evaluated military credit
- Most credits earned at other regionally-accredited institutions
Careers in Psychology

Psychology professionals work in a variety of settings to meet the demand for psychological services in:

- Schools
- Hospitals/medical settings
- Social service agencies
- Mental health centers
- Outpatient care centers
- Consulting firms
- Business environments
Advance your Career…Change your Life

Charter Oak State College is Connecticut’s public online college offering associate and bachelor’s degree completion programs in a number of high-demand fields including, Business, Nursing, Early Childhood Education, Cyber Security, Health Information Management, Health Care Administration, as well as many other career-focused programs of study. Our students complete degrees by taking online courses and combining other sources of credit. Our institution is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education.

Feel confident knowing that our professional Admissions Counselors and Academic Advisors are available every step of the way!

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