Applied Psychology

Available entirely online or on campus

Earning a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Psychology opens the door to the diverse professional field of psychology—one of the most challenging and rewarding today. Every career path in existence can be enhanced by a strong understanding of psychology. Our unique program has been designed to give you an all-encompassing view of the field of psychology, a strong foundation of knowledge in basic psychological principles, and the fundamentals of research design and data collection. You will learn to think critically and to become aware of ethical and global issues.

Throughout your studies, you will find numerous opportunities to enhance your marketability to graduate schools and future employers by developing your communication skills, networking with alumni in the field, and completing valuable internships. Whether you envision your career following a path that is therapeutic or research-based, animal or human-related, earning your applied psychology degree at Cedar Crest College will provide you with the expert instruction and hands on research opportunities you need to succeed.

The applied psychology program has been exclusively designed to provide adult students with flexibility in course requirements and scheduling. As an applied psychology major, you can choose from a wide variety of psychology elective courses in a format which works best for you. You can complete your degree entirely online or on campus. Courses are offered in evening, weekend, accelerated 7-week classes and hybrid formats.

Program Highlights

- Highly credentialed faculty who each hold a Ph.D. degree and have expertise in different areas of psychology
- Flexible scheduling which includes accelerated 7-week, online, hybrid, evening/weekend, and daytime courses
- State-of-the-art research labs where you will receive training in high-tech laboratories equipped with the latest computer software, observation rooms, and more
- Professional development with faculty and staff who are available to help you find an internship, improve your resume, apply to graduate schools, connect with alumni in the field, and assist with your overall career and educational goals

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Program Requirements

A minimum of 43 psychology credits are required for the Applied Psychology major. A minimum of 21 psychology credits for the major must be taken at Cedar Crest College. Courses transferred in must be taken within the last ten years. A grade of C or better must be obtained in each course to satisfy requirements for the psychology major; this includes all liberal arts requirements. A course may be repeated (taken a second time) only once due to a grade less than a C. A student wishing to repeat a course more than one time must seek permission from the Department and the Registrar's office. A student withdrawal (for any reason) at any point in the course will count as taking the course; subsequently, the course from which a student withdraws may be repeated only one additional time.

Foundation Courses:

PSY 100: Introduction to Psychology
PSY 170: Understanding and Using APA Editorial Style (taken concurrently with PSY 213)
PSY 210: Life-Span Development
PSY 213: Introduction to Research Methods
PSY 214: Introduction to Statistics
PSY 215: Biological Psychology
PSY 309: Abnormal Psychology OR PSY 351: Theories of Personality
PSY 344: Professional Ethics
PSY 363: Senior Capstone
THS 105: Public Speaking

Elective Requirements:
The major also requires 21 additional credits of psychology electives (e.g., PSY courses) in any or all subfields of psychology based on your interest.