The Department of Psychological Sciences combines the areas of study found in many psychology departments with those typically found in communication sciences departments. Our distinctive department offers undergraduate majors and minors in communication sciences and in psychology. We also offer a minor in communication for health professionals. For graduate students, our Psychology Program offers accredited doctoral training in clinical psychology and experimental psychology within our Developmental, Cognitive and Affective Sciences Program, as well as training at the master's level in psychology. Our accredited Communication Sciences Program offers a MA and PhD in Communication Sciences.

**Communication Sciences**

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The Department of Psychological Sciences offers courses of study in communication sciences leading to Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. The Communication Sciences Program prepares undergraduate and graduate students to address broad issues of human communication processes and disorders through the application of cutting-edge technology and rigorous clinical training. We provide a comprehensive foundation in normal and disordered human communication and combine it with innovative interdisciplinary experiences that capitalize on the extensive resources of the university and the surrounding medical community. The department enjoys a particularly close relationship with Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center, an outstanding independent, nonprofit provider of care in speech-language pathology and audiology; in fact, the program is housed within the center.

Many students pursue undergraduate study in communication disorders as preparation for further study in other fields or in conjunction with study in other fields. For example, one can combine a major in communication disorders with a major in sociology or psychology or with a minor in gerontological studies. Professionals in human services fields such as medicine, social work, nursing, or education often work with persons with communication disorders. For students interested in academic or research careers, investigation in the field of communication disorders is often done alongside investigation of normal human behavior. For example, one might study the word learning of children with normal language as well as that of children with language impairment.

**Psychology**

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The Psychology Program offers the combined advantages of a strong liberal arts college and a major university. There are classes in all major areas of the psychology field. We encourage close student-faculty relationships and offer many opportunities for individualized study and research. Psychology is the study of the mind and behavior. The discipline embraces all aspects of the human experience: from the functions of the brain to the actions of neurons, from child development to care for the aged. In settings ranging from scientific research centers to mental health care services, “the understanding of behavior” is the enterprise of psychologists. An undergraduate major in psychology offers a student preparation for a wide variety of careers. Many majors find psychology to be an excellent preparation for such service-oriented professions as social work, counseling and guidance, special education, and management. Those who pursue graduate work in one of the many fields of psychology often seek positions in teaching and research or applied human services. In addition, the study of psychology provides a knowledge and an understanding of behavior that has applications in professions such as nursing, medicine, law, teaching, business, and public relations.

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• Communication Sciences, BA
• Communication Sciences, MA
• Communication Sciences, Minor
• Communication Sciences, PhD
• Early Intervention Developmental Specialist, Graduate Certificate
• Psychology, BA
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• Psychology, PhD

Dual Degrees
• Programs toward Graduate or Professional Degrees