



**GROVE CITY  
COLLEGE**

*Because faith and freedom matter*

# DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

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## DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

Combining an excellent liberal arts education with a curriculum grounded in mainstream psychological science and social work, students in the Department of Psychology and Social Work relate their psychological knowledge to other fields of study and integrate it with a Christian faith perspective. Courses leading to a B.A. or B.S. in psychology and a B.S.W. in social work provide a solid and broad foundation in psychological science, and small class sizes and experienced faculty afford students the opportunity to develop, conduct, and report their own research projects, a necessary proficiency for graduate students and professionals.

### MAJORS

#### B.A. in Psychology

This degree equips students with specialized knowledge and critical thinking and communication skills to excel in graduate study and in a variety of careers. Students complete 48 credit hours of course requirements in addition to the College core curriculum.

#### B.S. in Psychology

This degree equips students with the specialized knowledge and critical thinking and research skills to excel in both graduate study and in a variety of careers. Students complete 53 credit hours of course requirements in addition to the College core curriculum. This degree offers greater exposure to the natural sciences, including additional experimental coursework, than the B.A. in psychology.

#### B.S.W. in Social Work

This degree is oriented toward service, particularly service to those in greatest need and at greatest risk of the detrimental effects of social injustices. Students complete 53

credit hours of course requirements in addition to the College core curriculum.

### MINORS

#### Minor in Psychology

Students complete 18 credit hours of course requirements and gain a foundational understanding of the important theories, methods, and research findings of psychology and are prepared to relate psychological knowledge to their primary field of study.

#### Minor in Family Studies

This interdisciplinary minor requires 19 credit hours for completion. Students gain a foundational understanding of the important theories, methods, and research findings of psychological science as it relates to the study of the family as a social institution.

#### Minor in Social Work

Students complete 21 credit hours of course requirements to minor in social work. Students in the minor take foundational courses in the discipline and complete a 3 credit hour practicum field placement.

I chose psychology because Grove City College requires psychology students to take a research course in which they develop, run and present a study. This gives us an edge when competing for coveted spots in graduate school.

– Sara George '13

## SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL AREAS OF INTEREST

Each year several of our majors present the results of their research at professional society annual meetings, such as the Eastern Psychological Association. Some of our majors also publish their research projects in professional journals. Other opportunities include: Psi Chi (International Honorary in Psychology), SSWAPA (Sociology, Social Work and Psychology Association) and I/O Psychology Club (Industrial/Organizational Psychology)

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

PSYC 404: Advanced Research Methods provides all psychology majors with the opportunity to design, conduct, analyze and report on their own research project.

## INTERSHIPS

While some local internships are available, most psychology students intern during the summer following their sophomore and/or junior years at nonprofit organizations and counseling agencies nationwide.

## CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Most majors secure jobs or go on to advanced study in psychology, social work, law, various health-related fields such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, or other graduate and professional schools. Recent graduates have gained entry into the following graduate programs: Bowling Green State, Fuller, Penn State, Cincinnati, Maryland and Michigan State, among others.



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Grove City College is a highly ranked, nationally recognized private liberal arts and sciences college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through an academically excellent and Christ-centered learning and living experience distinguished by a commitment to affordability and promotion of the Christian worldview, the foundations of a free society and the love of neighbor. Established in 1876, the College is a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers students degrees in 60 majors on a picturesque 180-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, Pa. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes.