The Ohio State University Department of Psychology is noted for its long history of excellence in teaching, research, and service. With 50 faculty members, 150 graduate students, and 1,800 undergraduate majors, it is one of the largest departments at the university. One of the top-ranked programs of its kind, its faculty work in diverse areas of human and animal cognition, emotion, and behavior.

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Since the first psychology course was offered at Ohio State in 1879, and an independent department was established in 1907, the Department of Psychology has become one of the major centers of psychology in the United States, while fostering some of the more highly cited researchers in the world.

DEGREE PROGRAM

Undergraduate
BA, Psychology
BS, Psychology

Graduate
MA, Psychology
PhD, Psychology

The six core program areas of specialization are:

- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Clinical Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Quantitative Psychology

“We attract students from all over the world, and we now have alumni working as professors at every major university in the U.S.”

(Richard Petty, Chair, Department of Psychology)
THE CENTER FOR COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL BRAIN IMAGING (CCBBI)

The CCBBI is a new state-of-the-art interdisciplinary research facility dedicated to pursuing structural and functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) studies. It aims to contribute to the development of future brain imaging modalities and to create and disseminate knowledge about brain, mind, and imaging research.

“ADVANCING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MIND AND BEHAVIOR TRULY WILL ALLOW FOR TRANSFORMATIVE DISCOVERIES.”

{Wil Cunningham, CCBBI’s associate director and associate professor of psychology}

RESEARCH OF NOTE

BARBARA ANDERSON
received a $1.6 million grant from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to train mental health care professionals in a biobehavioral intervention to help cancer patients cope with the stresses of diagnosis and treatment.

BENEDETTA LEUNER
focuses on structural plasticity in the adult brain, its modification by endocrine and experiential factors, addressing questions such as: How does the brain change with experience? Does structural plasticity underlie changes in brain function? How does the brain protect itself from drastic alterations in hormone levels that occur as a result of life altering experiences?

WIL CUNNINGHAM
takes a social cognitive neuroscience approach to understand the cognitive and motivational processes underlying emotional responses. For example, a recent study found that brains of happy people appear to respond more strongly to positive things in their environment than others.

FACILITIES

THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY BUILDING:

• 30,000 square feet of research laboratories
• new developmental language and cognition lab
• clinic for the study of depression
• anxiety and stress disorder clinic
• new psychology services center with 6,000 square feet and 15 rooms, including two group therapy rooms, two child therapy rooms, and eight individual and small group therapy rooms

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES CENTER
provides psychological treatment and assessment for adults, children, couples, and families in the greater Columbus area. Adult services include psychotherapy for anxiety and stress, depression, personality disorders, and other forms of psychological distress. Additionally, there are similar services available for children and adolescents.

THE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH LAB
provides undergraduate students with computer equipment to compile research findings in a data bank.

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