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 most highly cited researchers in the world.

The Ohio State University Department of Psychology is noted for its long history of excellence in teaching, research, and service. With more than 50 faculty members, 150 graduate students, and nearly 2,000 undergraduate majors, it is one of the largest departments at the university. The department is one of the top-ranked programs of its kind, with faculty working in diverse areas of human and animal cognition, emotion, and behavior.

BY THE NUMBERS

UNDERGRADUATE
Psychology is a top 5 major at Ohio State
BA, Psychology
BS, Psychology

GRADUATE
MA, Psychology
PhD, Psychology

The six core program areas of specialization are:
• Behavioral Neuroscience
• Clinical Psychology
• Cognitive Psychology
• Developmental Psychology
• Quantitative Psychology
• Social Psychology

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

[John Bruno, chair, Department of Psychology]
FACILITIES

THE 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.

THE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH LAB
provides undergraduate students with computer equipment to conduct and analyze behavioral studies.

THE CENTER FOR COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL BRAIN IMAGING (CCBBI)
The CCBBI, located in the basement of the Psychology Building, 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.

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?

RUSSELL FAZIO
engages in social psychological research examining the role of both automatic and deliberative factors in human interaction. This work is useful for understanding a variety of phenomena such as racial prejudice and discrimination. A current NIMH grant funds work on developing automatic versus deliberative treatments for social anxiety and phobias.

"Advancing our understanding of the relationship between mind and behavior truly will allow for transformative discoveries."

(Zhong-Lin Lu, CCBBI's director and professor of psychology)