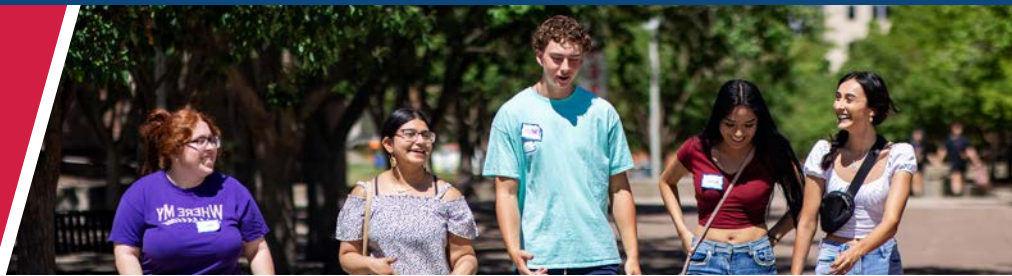




DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES



ABOUT US Psychological Sciences is one of the largest departments at MSU Denver, serving students majoring or minoring in Psychology or Human Development & Family Studies. Our programs, available both in person and fully online, connect classroom learning with applied, real-world experiences. Students complete engaging coursework and participate in enriching hands-on opportunities tailored to their interests. As a STEM discipline, students not only develop scientific literacy, but also gain transferrable skills that make them ready to enter the job market as soon as they graduate.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES There are countless ways to enhance your learning – serve as a teaching assistant to acquire teaching skills based on the science of learning; complete your own research projects in collaboration with our faculty and present your work at regional and national academic and professional conferences; join student organizations such as Psi Chi and the Research Club; or complete an internship in the field to jump-start your career.



MAJOR/MINOR Our majors and minors in Psychology and Human Development & Family Studies offer training based on the latest trends and prepare students for entry into the workforce or graduate school. Our programs are available both in-person and fully online, providing flexibility in course scheduling that can better align with students' lives and busy schedules.



INDUSTRY CAREERS

- Clinical/Counseling
- Psychologist
- Child Life Specialist
- Neuroscientist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Child Advocate
- Behavior Analyst

ALUMNI QUOTE "I've always enjoyed Psychology. But the professors I had only stoked that passion. They challenged me to be better, and pushed me to continue learning, no matter how much I knew. I actually found my career because of an assignment in one of my Psych classes!"

- JT Campbell - Psychology B.A., 2019



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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

Experiential Major Map



COLLEGE OF LETTERS,
ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

First Year

Middle Years

Last Year

Cultivate Learning & Academic Excellence

- Meet with an academic advisor to discuss your interests and create an academic plan
- Start exploring the major with PSY 1001 and PSY 2210

- Consider adding a minor or pursuing a dual degree in Psychology
- Meet with an academic advisor to review your Degree Progress Report

- Complete your Senior Experience course
- Meet with an advisor to make sure all graduation requirements are met
- Apply to graduate

Engage Globally and Locally

- Join Research Club or the Clinical/Counseling Club
- Meet other HDFS and Psychology student colleagues to develop your personal and professional network

- Research potential study abroad opportunities
- Join Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology
- Volunteer in community organizations

- Serve as a research or teaching assistant
- Seek leadership positions in Research Club, Clinical/Counseling Club, or Psi Chi
- Attend a conference

Prepare for Postgraduation Success

- Attend an event through the C2Hub
- Conduct an informational interview with a professor or professional who is in the career you think you might want to pursue

- Foster relationships with professors who can serve as mentors and future letters of recommendation writers
- Create and maintain a resume

- Conduct an internship
- Attend graduate school preparation workshops offered through the Department
- Attend a career fair

Academic Success Checklist

- ☐ Discover library resources
- ☐ Book an appointment with your academic advisor
- ☐ Visit the writing and tutoring center
- ☐ Complete FASFA and academic scholarship applications

More than 50 of our students present at peer-reviewed academic conferences per year; 30 students complete Research or Teaching Assistantships in a typical semester.

Career Development Checklist

- ☐ Update your resume early & often
- ☐ Drop into the C2 Hub's Career Lab
- ☐ Secure an internship or career aligned part time job to develop essential skills for graduation

Career Information

What skills do employers want?

- Oral and written communication
- Ability to work effectively in teams
- Ethical judgment and decision-making
- Critical thinking/analytical reasoning
- Ability to apply knowledge/skills to real-world settings

This major gives me the skills to:

- Understand and apply knowledge related to human development across the lifespan
- Understand how to work best with people from different age groups (i.e., children, adolescents, adults, and their families) that result in positive outcomes in various career settings

What careers can I pursue?

- Child Life Specialist
- Marriage & Family Therapist
- Case Worker
- Mental Health Counselor
- Child Advocate
- Nurse

