

## Psychology majors have **conducted research** in:

- Constructing profiles at the FBI headquarters that will help law enforcement agencies distinguish real and fake threat letters
- Learning about a psychologist's role in the justice system as a Certified Forensic Psychologist
- Studying factors that help cancer patients cope with their illness at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine
- Using behavioral modification techniques to help children with Autism function more effectively in their daily lives
- Working with gerontologists and social workers providing services to patients with advanced forms of Alzheimer's disease



## Study **abroad**

Cross-Cultural Psychology Maymester: Students travel through Spain, Morocco and Portugal to observe and analyze the complex role culture plays in human behavior. While studying in the Iberian Peninsula, psychology students explore Moorish castles, wander exotic markets, see an exciting Flamenco show and experience rich culinary traditions.



## Program **overview**

Psychology is one of the five most popular majors at HPU and is typically one of the largest majors in the School of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences. With more than 275 students in the major and 160 in the minor, it is estimated that our majors constitute approximately 5 percent of the HPU student body. Close to 90 percent of all HPU students take *Introduction to Psychology* as one of their social sciences.

## Qualities of **psychology graduates** sought by employers

Psychology majors gain invaluable skills that are essential to a successful career. At HPU, psychology students are equipped to conquer the field with skills such as:

- Adaptability
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Computer literacy
- Information acquisition and synthesis skills
- Research methods and statistical skills
- Thinking and problem solving

## Student **clubs & organizations**

- Psi Chi (international honor society for psychology)
- Psychology Club



## HPU psychology graduates are attending graduate schools such as:

- Fordham University
- Quinnipiac University
- Rowan University
- Stetson University
- University of Chicago
- University of Michigan
- West Virginia University
- Xavier University

## Outcomes

HPU psychology graduates have gone on to work in positions such as:

- Army mental health specialist
- Behavior analyst
- Career counselor
- Crime preventionist
- Criminal investigator
- Financial researcher
- Market research analyst
- Psychosocial rehabilitation specialist
- Polygraph examiner
- Psychological stress evaluator
- Recreational therapist
- Veterans counselor

## Holistic learning through internships

Our psychology program is enriched by a variety of experiential learning opportunities. Internships provide an opportunity for growth and hands-on learning. More than 55 percent of psychology students have completed an internship in their field, with organizations such as:

- ABC of North Carolina
- American University Stress and Emotions Lab
- Broughton Hospital State Psychiatric Facility
- Center for Creative Leadership
- Cornerstone Healthcare
- Mental Health Associates of the Triad
- Metropolitan Police Department
- Pan American Health Organization
- Quixote Group Research, Marketing & PR
- Strauss Marketing & PR
- Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
- Weisman Children's Rehab Hospital
- Windermere Preparatory School

## Meet Meredith

**Hometown:** Apex, N.C.

**Major:** B.S., B.A. Psychology and Biology

**Internship:** Through her summer internship at Broughton State Psychiatric Hospital, Chapman worked alongside the treatment team comprised of psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, physician assistants and social workers. She observed and assisted as rounds were completed, reviewed treatment regimens with patients, interacted with patients on the units and attended group therapy sessions. The internship also included a classroom portion where Chapman attended lectures given by different psychologists, psychiatrists and pharmacists in the hospital on topics ranging from pharmacology to forensic issues in psychology

**How HPU helped me get there:** "The faculty at High Point University have been the ones guiding me during my entire career as a student. Professor Stephanie Shore, Dr. Edward Fuselier, Dr. Todd Knippenberg, Dr. Dinene Crater, Dr. Kelli Sapp and Dr. Gregg Hundt have all proven what a professor passionate about the subject of their study and the success of their students looks like. Every professor I have been lucky enough to learn from at HPU has positively impacted me in different ways. They have sat and talked with me about future career paths, lacrosse and life in general. I have learned professionalism by being a University Ambassador. I have learned numerous useful skills by being a member of the lacrosse team, and most importantly, the sport has taught me the importance of hard work, leadership, time management and how to effectively work as part of a team."



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