Psychology

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Are you looking to have highly marketable skills for a wide range of job settings? Then studying psychology is an excellent choice for you. Majoring in psychology at CWI will enhance your ability to understand, assist, and collaborate with others; think scientifically and solve problems; communicate effectively; and become more self-aware. Our goal is to prepare you to be competitive for the workforce with an associate’s degree or to transfer to a four-year institution to achieve your bachelor’s degree.

The Psychology program is located at the Ada County Campus, which means most Psychology classes are offered at this location. Psychology is not a program that can be taken fully online or at the Nampa Campus.

Mission

The mission of the Psychology program at the College of Western Idaho (CWI) is to stimulate thought and action informed by psychological science. Our goal is to provide students with challenging classes, inspiring teaching, and transformative educational opportunities that emphasize scientific thinking and opportunities to engage in the community. Students graduate transfer-ready with a greater understanding of the role psychology plays in informing lives and fostering career development.

Why This Program

An Associate of Arts in Psychology prepares students to pursue entry level jobs in a variety of fields or to transfer and achieve success in bachelor’s program. Psychology faculty at CWI are committed to providing meaningful learning and hands on experiences to student. Previous students have said: “Take advantage of EVERY opportunity that comes your way. Whether through service learning in the community, leadership in PSYC honor society and club, trips to other colleges, or psychology conventions in the region...the possibilities are literally endless.” – CWI Psychology Graduate “I loved being able to do a Service Learning project for my Development course. It was great being able to learn about something and then see it in action.” – CWI Psychology Graduate “We had guest speakers in my Careers in Psychology class who would come in and talk to us about their jobs and I remember sitting in class, listening to each of them and, each time, I found myself thinking 'I'm in the right place. This is where I am supposed to be, I'm going to be happy in this field no matter what discipline I choose.'” – CWI Psychology Graduate Opportunities include: Hands-on training and experience through peer mentoring and service learning Development of scientific reading, writing, and research skills Work study positions at CWI and in the community Present at conferences Psychology Club Psi Beta Honor Society

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What You Will Learn to Do

- Critical thinking
- Communication
- Information literacy
- Personal responsibility
- Data analysis
- Discipline specific knowledge and skills

Student Clubs

Psychology Club

Psychology club is for anyone who has an interest in psychology (not just psych majors!) It is a great way to build your CV, meet cool new people, network with professionals, and build your character. Our events are geared towards self-care and...

Additional Opportunities

In addition to learning in the classroom, the Psychology program provides students with opportunities such as:

- Presentations by Guest Speakers
- Networking with Community Agencies
- Participation in Annual SHR Department Symposium
- Psychology Club
- Service Learning

Degrees and Certificates

Psychology - Associate of Arts Degree, 24 Months

Delivery Formats: Traditional, Hybrid, Online
Career Information

When it comes time to find a job, it is important to remember that psychology training is adaptable to a variety of job settings.

Some of the most common entry level occupations (for associate and bachelor’s degrees) include: sales, social services, labor relations, business and marketing, management and administration, and real estate. Occupations at the professional level (masters and doctorate degrees) include: mental health professional, college professor, research scientist, statistician, and executive director.

If you visit http://cwidaho.myplan.com and click on the Careers tab, you can search the careers for which psychology relates (search using words like – psychology, counseling, helping, human relations, health, etc.). As you explore the MyPlan.com website, take the time to email CWI’s One Stop Student Services at onestop@cwi.edu and learn the access code that will allow you to complete Assessments of your interests, personality, values and skills. This will help you recognize some of the careers in the world of work that may be a good fit for you.

Locations

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