

PSYCH NEWSLETTER

WSU DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY



Psych Students,

Happy first day of the spring 2024 semester! Welcome back from break and welcome to all new students starting this spring semester.

The Psych newsletter is one of the primary ways we communicate with Psych majors. The newsletter is sent every two weeks and typically on Mondays. The newsletter will come from your Psych advisor and is sent to your WSU email address. Get into the habit of checking your WSU email at least once a day so that you do not miss any important information.

Another way to keep up to date with all things Psych is to like and follow us on Facebook @WSUPsychDept.

If you are a graduating senior you also received a special edition of the newsletter called the "Senior Newsletter." Read through it thoroughly and visit your advisor to double check that you are on track to graduate. Sunday, January 14 is the last day to enroll in a spring course.

This spring we have some exciting guest industry speakers. You can show your appreciation by attending these events when you are able. We strongly encourage you all to attend even if you may not be interested in that particular industry there is still valuable information to gain by attending these events!

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

Psych 405:
Instructional
Practicum Training

Path to Success In
Psychology: Industry
Speakers

Career Highlight:
Experimental
Psychology

Compass Mentor
Program

Undergraduate
Research at WSU

Summer Research
Programs

Missed any of the past newsletters?
You can find all spring 2024 newsletters here:
<https://psychology.wsu.edu/undergrad/newsletters/>

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Important Dates & Deadlines



Find the Academic Calendar:
registrar.wsu.edu/academic-calendar/

First Day of Classes
Monday, January 8

Last day to enroll in a course
Sunday, January 14

Martin Luther King Jr. Day--All University Holiday
Monday, January 15

National Day of Racial Healing
Tuesday, January 16

Last day to change enrollment from letter grades to pass/fail
Friday, January 26

Deadline to complete academic improvement conversation #1 for reinstatement
Tuesday, February 6

Last day to drop a course without record
Tuesday, February 6

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PSYCHOLOGY ACADEMIC ADVISING OFFICE HOURS 9AM—4PM

Chioma Heim

Johnson Tower 218

Advising Last Names A-D
Scan to schedule an appointment

Virtual Drop-Ins

Friday

1 PM — 4PM



Chanelle Denman

Johnson Tower 202

Advising Last Names E-K
Scan to schedule an appointment

Virtual Drop-Ins

Wednesday

2PM—4PM



Cassandra Hernandez

Johnson Tower 204

Advising Last Names L-R
Scan to schedule an appointment

Virtual Drop-Ins

Monday

2PM — 4PM



LaToya Sutton

Johnson Tower 203

Advising Last Names S-Z
Scan to schedule an appointment

Available by
appointment only



Department of Psychology

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Environmental Psychology

Psych 466 | MWF 1110-12 | Spring 2024 | 3 credits

New undergraduate course in Environmental Psychology to be taught again in Spring 2024!

What is environmental psychology? It's similar to social psychology, except we mainly focus on ***how our physical environments influence our minds, brains, and behavior*** rather than how we are affected by social environments. We will cover a huge variety of topics in this course, including (but not limited to):

- ✓ How our perception and cognition is altered in different environments
- ✓ The positive and negative effects that different types of environments (nature, cities, indoors) can have on our physical health, mental health, social behavior, even criminal behavior
- ✓ How can environmental design be used to promote psychological health and optimal functioning
- ✓ What is environmental justice, and how can we create more equitable spaces?
- ✓ The ways our attitudes and beliefs affect whether we work to protect and improve our environments and the world
- ✓ What is the best approach to tackling climate change?

The course designed to be relatively low stress, with many low-stakes assignments and built in flexibility for missed or late assignments. You'll get to run ***small-scale versions of environmental psychology experiments*** and at the end of the course, you'll get to ***design a restorative, beneficial environment*** and present it in whatever format you like (short video, recorded presentation, annotated drawing, podcast, paper, etc.)

Feel free to reach out to the instructor (Professor Meidenbauer) with any questions: k.meidenbauer@wsu.edu We hope to see you there!

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Do you want to be a TA next Fall?

Psych 405 is a
1 credit pass/fail
course.

Prepare to become a TA next fall by
enrolling in **Psych 405** TODAY!

Gain the skills instructors are
looking for in their TAs.

Topics include:
grading and
classroom support,
providing feedback,
communication,
professionalism,
and MORE!

Boost your resume
by training to
become a TA!

Contact your academic advisor to enroll!



Help Cougs in Your Community

BECOME A MENTOR.

**APPLY FOR THE COMPASS MENTOR PROGRAM BY
JANUARY 12**

BENEFITS

- **GAIN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND BUILD YOUR RESUME**
- **RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP**
- **GET CLASS CREDIT AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**
- **WORK WITH A COHORT OF OTHER MENTORS**
- **FEEL GOOD ABOUT HELPING NEW STUDENTS ADJUST**

WHAT'S REQUIRED

MENTORS PUT IN ABOUT 6 HOURS OF WORK EACH WEEK, AND YOU'LL BE EXPECTED TO:

- **HOST OFFICE HOURS**
- **KEEP IN CONTACT WITH MENTEES**
- **ATTEND A WEEKLY CLASS AND WEEKLY MENTOR MEETINGS**
- **HELP PLAN AND HOST SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, RETREATS, WORKSHOPS, AND EVENTS**

**TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY GO TO
[COMMUNITIES.WSU.EDU](https://communities.wsu.edu)**

WSU PSYCHOLOGY ADVISING PRESENTS:

Path to Success in Psychology

INDUSTRY SPEAKER SERIES

CONNOR HARTLEY

Sports Psychology-Mental Health Clinician
Washington State University

JANUARY 30
4PM - 5:30PM
ZOOM

MEETING ID: 931 2752 6979

SAMI LESNEK

Applied Behavior Analysis-
Behavior Technician
Connections Behavior Planning &
Intervention

FEBRUARY 27
4PM-5:30PM
ZOOM

MEETING ID: 918 1142 8551

Questions?

Contact your academic advisor

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EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY



Experimental psychologists typically specialize in areas of study including Biological Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Health Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Social Psychology, Quantitative Methods, and others. They are expected to be able to identify significant research problems, be conversant with a wide variety of strategies for generating and testing hypotheses, and to effectively communicate these ideas.

CAREER OPTIONS

Experimental Psychology is designed to produce experimental psychology researchers in research centers, college-level psychology instructors, or work in government and private businesses.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT

www.onetonline.org

www.bls.gov

www.apa.org

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

SCAN ME



MINOR/ADDITIONAL MAJOR IDEAS

Varies depending on individual's interests

Have You Considered Undergraduate Research?

UNIV 199 (Intro to Directed Research)

Sat. Jan. 20 and Sat. Jan. 27
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Spark G10
SLN 09663

Register now! 1 credit, no prereqs, for all students and majors

In this class, students, like YOU, not yet working with a faculty mentor will...

- **Learn** about research (that includes **scholarship and creative activities**)
- **Envision** how research **boosts resumes** and even **award opportunities**
- **Gain skills** applicable to **any research environment**
- **Explore opportunities at WSU** in **all disciplines**
- **Discover resources** such as **peer mentors** who will guide you
- **Get information** about the Undergraduate Research Club

Questions? Email UG.research@wsu.edu
UndergraduateResearch.wsu.edu



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of Undergraduate Research





UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES at Washington State University

Expand your résumé and flourish at a top research university!

- WSU is in the inland Pacific Northwest.
- Summer programs are funded by NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU), USDA-NIFA, and faculty grants.
- Mentors are involved and caring faculty and experts in their field.
- Generous stipends cover many expenses.
- Research facilities are cutting edge.
- A poster symposium showcases research and is open to the public.
- Research with students like you from across the U.S. and expand your personal and professional networks.

AgAID Institute Summer Undergraduate Research
(Various WSU departments, and partners - Oregon State University (OSU), UC Merced, innov8.ag)
Jordan Jobe (jordan.jobe@wsu.edu)
agaid.org/undergraduate-research-internships-uris/

Environmental Engineering: Measurements and Modeling in the Pacific Northwest
(Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering)
Shelley Pressley (spressley@wsu.edu)
lar.wsu.edu/undergraduates/

Gerontechnology
(School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Dept. of Psychology)
Diane Cook (djcook@wsu.edu)
Maureen Schmitter-Edgecombe (schmitter-e@wsu.edu)
ntg.ailab.wsu.edu/

Hemp Research Internship
(WSU's Hemp Program, and partners- Global Hemp Innovation Center at OSU, UC Davis, and UN Reno)
David R. Gang (gangd@wsu.edu)

Waves in the Universe and Technology
(Dept. of Physics and Astronomy)
Brian Collins (brian.collins@wsu.edu)
physics.wsu.edu/reu/

Improving Crop Resiliency: Agriculture in Changing Climate
(Institute of Biological Chemistry)
Matt Peck (matthew.peck@wsu.edu)
Andrei Smertenko (andrei.smertenko@wsu.edu)

NSF Plant Genome
(Institute of Biological Chemistry)
Laura Bartley (laura.bartley@wsu.edu)

Agricultural Data Science
(Dept. of Biological Systems Engineering)
Sindhuja Sankaran (s.sankaran@wsu.edu)
labs.wsu.edu/sankaran-phenomics/undergrad-research-exp/

Studying Race and Policing in the Complex Social Interactions Lab
(Dept. of Criminal Justice & Criminology)
Dale Willits (dale.willits@wsu.edu)
labs.wsu.edu/csi/

Interested in learning more about these programs?
Visit the summer research website maintained by
the WSU Office of Undergraduate Research at:

SummerResearch.wsu.edu





2024 NEBRASKA SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM

10 weeks. Research experience.
Scholarly community. Grad-school ready.

This intensive summer research experience provides mentoring and research experiences while allowing scholars to preview graduate school life. Students with a strong interest in graduate programs are encouraged to apply, as are those from populations traditionally underrepresented in graduate education.

- Applied Plant Systems
- Applied Unmanned Systems
- Beneficial Insects
- Bioenergy Systems
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Crop-to-Food Innovation
- Digital Legal Research Lab
- Engineering Education Research
- Health Equity
- Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure
- Quantum Materials
- Redox Biology
- Sustainability of Civil Infrastructure
- Virology

AVERAGE STIPEND RANGE

\$5,000-\$6,000

PROGRAM DURATION

June 3, 2024 - August 7, 2024

APPLICATION OPENS

November 15, 2023

The benefits:

Stay in **suite-style housing**, enjoy an **on-campus meal plan**, and have **travel costs covered**.

Attend workshops for data visualization, scientific writing, creating a **research poster**, and more.

Visit the **Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo**, rent bikes to **explore Lincoln**, attend a **Lincoln Saltdogs** baseball game, enjoy a day at the lake, and more.

APPLY AT

<https://www.unl.edu/summerprogram>



MIZZOU UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH 2024 SUMMER PROGRAM

Our summer program is an undergraduate community of 90+ students with access to more than 40 professional development, scholarly, and social activities.

THE PROGRAM

- 9 weeks (May 29-July 26, 2024)
- Stipends starting from \$3,400-\$5000
- Weekly workshops and seminars
- Poster forum to present research
- Intern & Mentor events, team-building, and other social activities

All programs provide:

- On-campus housing (valued at \$1,500)
- Meal plan (worth \$1,200)

Looking for a summer research opportunity?



RESEARCH AREAS

- Alcohol Research Training
- Computer Networking (REU)
- Materials Science & Engineering (REU)
- Missouri Louis Stokes AMP
- Cancer Research
- Translational Biomedicine
- Medical Sciences
- Computational Neuroscience (REU)
- Interpersonal Relationships (REU)
- Perspective Analytics for AI-enabled Operations (REU)

LOOK NO FURTHER!

For more information:

