

Psychology



Gain a thorough grounding in the scientific discipline of psychology.

Discover how psychological knowledge informs your faith—and how your faith informs your understanding of psychology. Apply your knowledge through research with professors and present your work at academic conferences. Participate in local internships to investigate possible careers. Psychology alumni attend nationally known graduate schools, and local employers recruit them. Graduates have received honors such as a clinical post-doctoral internship at Harvard Medical School and a Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Minority Fellowship. In 2015, Best Psychology Degrees named our program one of the top 10 Up-and-Coming Undergraduate Psychology Programs in the West.

SELECTED COURSES

- Lifespan Development
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Social Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Fundamentals of Clinical and Counseling Psychology
- Behavioral Neuroscience

CAREER PATHS

Our graduates hold a wide variety of positions in areas of psychology and related fields. Many work in clinical or counseling, school, health, rehabilitation, and educational psychology. Some serve in industrial/organizational settings, marketing, and neuropsychology. Still others specialize in social, media, military, or forensic psychology. Our department works hard to ensure the success of our graduates.



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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



ANDREA GURNEY,
PH.D.

Studies relational science and the ways we love one another well in our world today



SMARANDA LAWRIE,
PH.D.

Studies how well-being and belonging develop across national and socioeconomic cultures



GEUNHI PARK, PH.D.

Examines how the body and mind interact and influence different cognitive and emotional processes and social interaction



STEVE ROGERS, PH.D.

Studies the neuropsychology of aging, dementia and spirituality



RONALD E. SEE, PH.D.
DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Examines the neurobiology of drug addiction and biomarkers of treatment for major depression

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont's Global Health Uganda
- Westmont in Cairo
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Asia
- Westmont Psychology Mayterm in Germany and Austria

ALUMNI

Kaitlin Kinney '17 graduated from Westmont with a B.S. degree in Psychology on the behavioral neuroscience track. She earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Southern California in neuroimaging and informatics and worked at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience at UCLA. She is currently completing the Neuroscience PhD program at Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

Lydia Grenko '18 earned a B.S. in Psychology with a concentration in Behavioral Neuroscience. After graduation, she worked in social services at the Samarkand while also serving as the Psychology Department Laboratory Coordinator. Lydia is currently pursuing a doctorate in Clinical Psychology on the geropsychology track at the

University of Colorado. Her professional interests include working with family caregivers of those with dementia, and conducting research on sleep interventions in skilled nursing facilities.

Valerie Swisher '22 graduated from Westmont with a B.S. in Psychology. She completed a year long Fulbright Fellowship in Hungary, where she conducted research on mental health literacy and help-seeking behavior among Hungarian primary care providers and patients. She also received a prestigious 5-year National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to support her in the Clinical Psychology PhD program at Penn State University.



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