

**Outcomes**

Students with majors in Psychology have found careers in:

- Counseling
- Human services
- Care giving
- Advocacy
- Teaching
- Research
- Graduate studies leading to a professional degree

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**MAJOR**

Psychology

**MINOR**

Psychology

**PROGRAM DEFINITION**

Psychology is the study of human and animal behavior, normal and abnormal, and the psychological, social and biological processes related to that behavior. The Psychology major prepares students for graduate study as well as for careers where strong human services skills are necessary.

**PERU STATE'S POINTS OF DISTINCTION**

- Faculty members include an experimental psychologist, social psychologist and counseling psychologist with extensive academic or life experiences.
- All courses are offered online and on campus.
- We offer opportunities to qualify for Provisional Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (PLADC). These courses are currently available primarily on campus.
- Faculty take great pride in working with students through advising and individualized guidance during their college careers, and serving as references thereafter.
- Each program at Peru State College is reviewed on a continual basis and coursework is updated to meet industry standards.
- Students completing a degree at Peru State College are prepared to attend the nation's top graduate schools in all program areas.
- Adding an academic Minor in a subject area outside of the major is simple at Peru State and can broaden the scope of knowledge and can improve employment prospects for any student.

**FACULTY**

Joel Lundak, Ph.D. — Professor of Psychology  
James Nevitt, Ph.D.— Associate Professor of Human Services  
Kelli Gardner, Ph.D.— Assistant Professor of Psychology & Sociology

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Students are required to have 125 credit hours to graduate. Of the 125 credit hours, students need 33 hours of psychology core courses and 24 hours of advanced course work in psychology, criminal justice, sociology, and social work. To earn the PLADC (Provisional Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor) credential, in addition to completing the required courses, students must complete 300 hours of supervised field experience and pass the required examination. Further information can be found at our website:

<http://www.peru.edu/professionalstudies/programs/>