



PSYCHOLOGY

Understanding the
Brain and Behaviour



Huron
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UNDERSTAND **HUMAN** **BEHAVIOUR**

PSYCHOLOGY IS THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF THE **BRAIN AND BEHAVIOUR**.

It is a dynamic field of study that examines phenomena related to human development, motivations, perception and action, memory and cognition, thinking and intelligence, social relationships and emotions, the brain and behaviour — just to name a few!

THE HURON ADVANTAGE

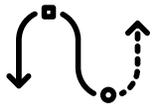
THE PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM AT HURON OFFERS FOUR B.A. MODULES OF STUDY, WITH A HEAVY FOCUS ON FOUNDATIONAL RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE. OUR EMPHASIS ON RESEARCH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT STARTS IN THE FIRST YEAR AND CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM.

Core research courses focus on the scholarly study of Psychology in various subfields (Sensation and Perception, Cognition, Developmental Psychology and Social Psychology), with supplementary elective courses in many diverse topics such as Neuropsychology, Theories of Personality, Health Psychology, Persuasion, Biopsychology, Infancy, Neuroimaging, and Music Cognition, among many others.



“There are many things that really differentiate Psychology at Huron from other universities. You get the incredible benefits of the small classroom environments alongside a wide range of hands-on learning experiences. Through these courses, you learn well-roundedness, develop essential interpersonal and research skills and you engage in meaningful conversations about why humans are the way we are.”

PAIGE HALLMAN | YEAR 3
Honours Specialization, Psychology
Calgary, Alberta



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Psychology students at Huron have many opportunities to collaborate and work alongside professors as volunteers or paid research assistants. These opportunities can result in co-authored research presentations and papers.

RECENT STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANTS HAVE WORKED ON PROJECTS SUCH AS:

- Moral judgements and decision-making in social contexts
- Effects of maternal interactions on infant vocalizations
- Investigating the role of social groups on risk behaviours in young adults
- Factors influencing the aesthetic judgment of sounds

RESEARCH FACILITIES

On-campus psychology research facilities include a newly renovated student research learning centre, an infant and child lab, a social and applied psychology group and a music cognition lab.

RECENT STUDENT RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY LEARNING PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Healthy Behaviours in an Online World – a conference connected to an upper-year Psychology course that allows students to present their research on healthy social media use to high school students
- Collaboration with local not-for-profit organizations to develop community outreach programs
- Developmental Psychology research studies in local child care centres connected to a second-year course
- Research on moral judgements in the workplace
- Development of a bullying scale for use with adolescents
- Collaborating with research partners in Norway to conduct cross-cultural studies on the development of creativity

WHAT DO OUR GRADS DO?

OUR STUDENTS HAVE FOUND SUCCESSFUL CAREERS IN:

- Neuroscience
- Audiology
- Midwifery
- Human Resources
- Sport Psychology
- Business Analytics
- Teaching
- Developmental Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Dentistry
- Law
- Speech Language Pathology
- Social Work
- Market Research
- Business Management
- Clinical Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- Medicine



"I am grateful for my experiences at Huron. The seminar format of the senior courses within the Psychology Department is uncommon at the undergraduate level and is crucial for practicing dialogue among your peers and professors. The feedback I received through the discussion-based format of my courses and the Scholar's Elective program, as well as the independent research experience I gained through CURL has helped me develop the confidence to engage in critical conversations with my peers at Harvard."

TAYLOR BOYD '19

Honours Specialization in Psychology & Scholar's Electives Student

Master of Education in Human Development and Psychology Graduate at Harvard University

Lab Manager at NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development



TRAVEL STUDY

Annually, Huron Psychology students have the opportunity to participate in Huron's Study Abroad program. Additionally, they can apply for and receive funding to take their research projects around the globe - to conferences, unique facilities and to engage with international scholars.

Mitacs Globalink Research Awards: Huron is a Mitacs member and Psychology students have the opportunity to travel to Mitacs member countries to work on collaborative multinational research questions. In 2019, Huron Psychology student, Taylor Boyd, won a Mitacs award to fund her third research trip to Norway to further develop her project on teaching creativity in children with our Norwegian research partners.

FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

YOUR FIRST YEAR IS ALL ABOUT EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY.

First-year Psychology students take Psychology 1100E, a course that introduces foundational psychological theories and concepts to students alongside weekly laboratories in which students actively participate in the research process. Students are encouraged to try a wide variety of subjects and disciplines to complement their learning in Psychology and bring in new research perspectives.

PROGRAM OPTIONS	Honours Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor
Psychology	✓		✓	✓

FIRST-YEAR COURSES

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

An introductory investigation across the field of modern psychological science.

METHOD AND THEORY IN GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

This first-year course is unique to Huron. It provides students with a survey of the field of psychological science plus active experience with research designs in Psychology, analysis of psychological data and writing American Psychological Association (APA)-style manuscripts.



ACADEMIC TRI-MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

This new initiative provides academic mentoring and community building for first-year students, enabling them to work with senior students and faculty members in Psychology and to conduct original, student-driven research projects.

SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR TIMETABLE

Required courses Elective courses

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:30am – 10:30am Math 1228 Method of Finite Mathematics <i>0.50 credit</i>	10:30am – 11:30am Political Science 1020E Intro to Political Science <i>1.00 credit</i>	9:30am – 10:30am Math 1228 Method of Finite Mathematics <i>0.50 credit</i>	11:30am – 12:30pm Political Science 1020E Intro to Political Science <i>1.00 credit</i>	9:30am – 10:30am Math 1228 Method of Finite Mathematics <i>0.50 credit</i>
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As a Huron student, you can combine any program with a minor, major or specialization from another Huron program or a major or minor in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia or King's, such as:

- Centre for Global Studies
- History
- English & Cultural Studies
- Philosophy
- Management & Organizational Studies
- Governance, Leadership & Ethics
- Biology
- Sociology
- Health Sciences
- Linguistics



“What I love about teaching in the Psychology program is the opportunity to see students grow. I love how I can be part of students’ educations for the duration of their degree, rather than a single course. It allows me to really see how students’ knowledge and skills develop to shape their thinking as they progress. But what I love most is the opportunity to mentor students both inside and outside of the classroom, find out what their aspirations are and how I can help them reach those goals. It’s amazing to see where they end up. All of this is possible because Huron is a place that fosters a close-knit community among faculty and students.”

DR. IRENE CHEUNG
Associate Professor, Psychology



HURON & IVEY

In collaboration with the Ivey School of Business, Huron offers five-year combined degrees, including a combined degree with the Psychology program, in which students earn both an Honours Business Administration (HBA) degree and an Honours Specialization Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology.

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HURON & HARVARD

As the only university in Ontario that partners with Harvard, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard’s Online Business School.

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SCHOLAR’S ELECTIVES

Are you a high-achieving, self-motivated student interested in pursuing independent research?

Apply to be a part of this community of scholars that fosters research skills and collaboration.



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FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Huron’s faculty are experienced researchers and mentors.

DR. IRENE CHEUNG

Conflict and forgiveness in close relationships; social outcomes of moral dilemmas and decision-making.

DR. TARA DUMAS

Peer influence; group dynamics; engagement in risk behaviours in adolescence and emerging adulthood.

DR. STEPHEN VAN HEDGER

Pitch processing, auditory memory, and sensation and perception

DR. CHRISTINE TSANG, Chair

Auditory development during infancy; music cognition and speech perception during infancy.

AFTER FIRST YEAR, You Can Study:

- Sensation & Perception
- Method & Theory in Cognition
- Biological Basis of Behaviour
- Adolescent Risk Development
- Developmental Psychology
- Personality Theory
- Social Psychology
- Neuropsychology
- Personal Relationships
- Development During Infancy
- Research in Neuroimaging
- Cognition and Aging
- Music Cognition

HURON UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF LEARNING AND MOTIVATION

For nearly 40 years, this student journal has featured independent research studies conducted by undergraduates in our second-year Learning and Motivation course. Hard copies of the journal are housed in the Huron Library and the journal has been published online since 2014.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to awards open to students in all disciplines, students of Psychology at Huron are eligible for numerous special awards and scholarships, including:

- The Fourth-Year Honours Psychology Bursary
- The Professor Frederick Walter Burd Prize in Psychology awarded annually to the student with the highest standing entering the Honours Specialization program in Psychology
- The Professor Mark R. Cole Award in Experimental Psychology
- The Sabina Cole Memorial Prize in Biopsychology
- The Dr. Stephen Erdle Award in Quantitative Psychology
- The Dr. Nelson Heapy Award in Social Psychology
- The Dr. Moira Sansom Award for Excellence in Psychological Research awarded annually to the student with the best Honours B.A. thesis
- The Hamish Macdonald Prize for First Year awarded annually to the student with the highest grade in first year Psychology

GET INVOLVED!

HURON PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATION

The Huron Psychology Association (HPA) is a student club that organizes social events such as psychology-themed movie nights, career information sessions, stress and well-being workshops, faculty meet-and-greets and study sessions.

EARN & LEARN

AT HURON, EVERY STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PAID INTERNSHIP and volunteer positions to help you build valuable experience. Recent examples of internships held by Psychology students include:

- Research Assistant with Huron faculty
- Intern at Canada Border Services
- Writing Tutor
- Youth Counsellor, YMCA

RECENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDED POSITIONS AT:

- Huron Diocese Archives
- London Food Bank
- Goodwill
- Psychology Lab
- Mentorship Program
- MyEnviro Commissioner

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