



Psychology

Department of Psychology

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

KEY STRENGTHS

- The department's greatest strength is its faculty, who combine an interest in the integration of faith and psychology with an emphasis on teaching. Psychology faculty are leaders in the use of technology in the classroom. Faculty also are active in applied and basic research as well as clinical practice in a variety of settings, including clinical, neuropsychological, rehabilitative, sport, educational and psychiatric.
- Psychology is one of the largest programs at ACU, averaging 170 undergraduate majors and 60 graduate students.

DEGREES OFFERED

- Bachelor of Science
- Master of Science
- Professional Career Track
(A program designed to give students the opportunity to gain a B.S. and M.S. degree in the course of four years. This program is available to incoming freshmen who have scored a 25 or higher on the ACT.)

MAJORS AVAILABLE

- Psychology, B.S.
- Clinical psychology, M.S.
- Counseling psychology, M.S.
- School psychology, M.S.
- Psychology, M.S.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

ACU graduates have pursued careers as clinical psychologists, researchers, college professors, school and health psychologists, industrial/organizational psychologists, counselors, missionaries and in other business-related fields.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Off-campus study and research opportunities

- Undergraduate psychology students obtain valuable community experience through work with agencies such as the Abilene Boys and Girls Clubs, the Noah Project, Hospice of Abilene, YMCA and the Crisis Hotline.
- Undergraduate and graduate students have participated in applied research in a variety of local settings, including medical, psychiatric, forensic, developmental, academic and industrial environments.
- Service-learning internships in Montevideo, Uruguay

Scholarships available

- ACT/SAT Academic Scholarship

Please consult with your admissions counselor for details on these and other scholarships available to you.

FACILITIES

The Department of Psychology is located on the second floor of Chambers Hall. The department provides facilities for videotaping, observation of individual and group counseling sessions, and psychological assessments. In addition, editing capabilities are available.

Psychology undergraduate and graduate students have access to the university's network computing system. The latest in statistical analysis technology is readily available to students.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

- Clayton Woods**, class of 2007, M.S.; licensed psychologist, Fort Worth ISD, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Jared Benge**, class of 2002, M.S.; pre-doctoral internship in clinical psychology, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, Texas.
- Dr. Steve Rouse**, class of 1988, M.S., 1992; assistant professor, Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif.
- Dr. Terry Casey**, class of 1986, M.S.; clinical director, AGAPE Inc., Nashville, Tenn.
- Carolyn Chora**, class of 1984, M.P.A., 1994; director of psychology, Abilene State School, Abilene, Texas.
- Dr. R. Gerald Turner**, class of 1968; president, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.
- Dr. Robert Sturgeon**, class of 1959; professor and chair, Department of Psychology, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tenn.
- Dr. Bill Waldron**, class of 1953; professor emeritus of psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Psychology faculty members are active in a variety of professional organizations, including the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society, the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy, the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, the Association for Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology, the Southwestern Psychological Association and the Abilene Psychological Association.
- ACU's psychology faculty actively participate in producing professional publications, presentations, workshops and seminars. Faculty members also have consulted for corporations and mental health agencies, held medical staff appointments to local hospitals, served as editors of professional journals, and held offices in numerous professional organizations.

FACULTY

Stephen H. Allison, Ph.D., 1984, *associate professor*, Robert and Mary Ann Hall Endowed Chair of Psychology and Intercultural Studies; B.S., Abilene Christian University, 1976; M.S., Fuller Theological Seminary, 1980; Ph.D., Fuller Theological Seminary, 1982.

Richard Beck, Ph.D., 1998, *associate professor, chair*; B.S., Abilene Christian University, 1989; M.S., ACU, 1992; Ph.D., Southern Methodist University, 1997.

Samuel D. Brinkman, Ph.D., 1980, *adjunct professor*; University of Houston.

Cherisse Flanagan, Instructor and Director of Psychology Clinic, 2007; B.A., Texas Tech University, 1988; M.S., Abilene Christian University, 1996.

Billy Van Jones, Ph.D., 1974, *professor*; B.S., Abilene Christian University, 1970; M.S., ACU, 1972; Ph.D., University of Houston, 1974.

Robert McKelvain, Ph.D., 1989, *professor*; B.A., Abilene Christian University, 1971; M.A., Texas A&M University, 1974; Ph.D., Texas A&M University, 1980.

Larry Norsworthy, Ph.D., 1999, *professor, associate chair*; B.S., Abilene Christian University, 1972; M.S., ACU, 1976; Ph.D., Walden University, 1991.

T. Scott Perkins, Ph.D., 1988, *professor*; B.S., Harding University, 1980; M.S., Pennsylvania State University, 1984; Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University, 1988.

Jennifer W. Shewmaker, Ph.D., L.S.S.P., 2002, *assistant professor*; B.S., Abilene Christian University, 1992; Ph.D., Texas Woman's University, 1996.

Jeffrey N. Wherry, Ph.D., L.S.S.P., 2004, B.S. & B.S. Ed., Abilene Christian University, 1977; M.S., The University of Texas at Tyler, 1979; Ph.D., The University of Southern Mississippi, 1982.

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