



A hands-on approach to the life of the mind

Through close interaction with talented faculty mentors, tangible research experience and the ability to pursue your own diverse interests, the Psychology Department at Earlham College offers you wide-ranging opportunities to investigate the why and how of humanity. At Earlham you can:

- Create your own research project (or contribute to one designed by a faculty member)
- Counsel children at the Boys and Girls Club (or choose from a variety of service-learning opportunities)
- Explore questions of moral decision-making (or the structures of personality or how love and intimacy develop)

As a result of the Psychology Department's diverse learning opportunities, Earlham is ranked 37th (in the 97th percentile) among 1,469 institutions of higher learning in the U.S. in the percentage of graduates who go on to receive Ph.D.s in Psychology.



Earlham Facts

Founded in 1847 by the Society of Friends, Earlham is rooted in the ideals of Quakerism.

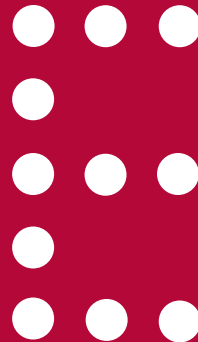
1,200 undergraduate students representing 45 states and 67 countries

Male 45%, Female 55%

12:1 student-to-faculty ratio

More than 70 percent of every graduating class participates in an off-campus study program.

More than 75 percent of Earlham graduates pursue an advanced degree.



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Earlham welcomes all who come to seek for truth in a diverse community that accords respect to every individual. Each is asked to contribute to the understanding of all.

Psychology

At Earlham College



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A sample of Earlham College Psychology courses

Cross-Cultural Psychology
Experimental Psychology
Physiological Psychology
Positive Psychology
Psychology of Passion
Psychology of Prejudice
Psychology of Women
Remembering and Forgetting

Framing the great questions: A look at the program

As a Psychology student at Earlham, you will be challenged—through close interactions with caring and talented professors—to engage in rigorous intellectual exploration of life’s biggest questions (like what it means to be human) and to develop an ethical and philosophical worldview.

Best of all, you will join a group of students and faculty members intent on using their knowledge of psychology to make the world a better place.

The Psychology Department’s diverse course offerings allow you to gain experience in concentrations ranging from psychobiology to counseling psychology to psychology and the law. Beginning with core courses such as Personality and Human Development, and ending with an independent senior research project designed around your own interests, you will gain insight and understanding into the experiences and relationships that form human patterns of behavior.

“The care, creativity and energy we put into our classes results in challenging, yet exciting opportunities for our students.”

— Vince Punzo, Ph.D.
Professor of Psychology

“I never planned to be a Psych major. But the classes were so interesting, the professors so excited, and my peers so friendly — that I kept taking classes. Here I am, three and a half years later doing my senior research project.”

— Stephanie Vazzano, Psychology and Art double major from Sandwich, New Hampshire

For more information about Earlham College’s Psychology Department, visit www.earlham.edu/~psyc/.

Facilities at your finger tips

Earlham’s Psychology Lab offers you the resources to conduct sophisticated psychological experiments. You will have access to such instruments as the Electromyogram (EMG), Electrocardiogram (EKG), Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) and Electroencephalogram

(EEG), tools that will allow you to conduct precise and meaningful research. Clinical materials are also available. For example, as part of your Psychology program, you will use psychological tests and play therapy materials to carry out an extended case study of a child.



Research and internship opportunities

From interning with Achieva Rehabilitation Services or Richmond State Hospital to coaching youth soccer as part of your Psychology of Sport course to designing and conducting your independent senior research project, you’ll have plenty of opportunities to gain meaningful hands-on experience.

Many of your Psychology courses have experiential learning built into the curriculum. Students in Community Psychology are required to carry out a project that engages a social problem in the greater Richmond area; Psychology and the Law students learn legal and psychological principles by participating in a mock trial; students in Industrial Organizational Psychology work with local businesses on a variety of projects; and Counseling and Psychotherapy students learn basic counseling skills in practice counseling sessions.

What’s more, you’ll have the chance to do psychological research, and, for some projects, to present the results of your research at local, regional and national conferences. Our students’ research projects have won national awards and have been published in scholarly journals.

Examples of student research projects include:

- Studying attachment styles and infant stress hormone responses
- Analyzing the role of visual and spatial memory in mental arithmetic
- Studying the dynamics of social interaction in bowling alleys, coffee shops and soup kitchens
- Determining whether cell phones affect attention to other tasks
- Studying how ethnic names activate stereotypes
- Examining how people process certain kinds of information in short-term memory

Psychobiology

If you have a passion for both Psychology and Biology—or if you’re interested in the growing fields of either neuroscience or neuropsychology—Earlham’s interdepartmental Psychobiology major is a perfect fit. Recent Psychobiology

majors have enrolled in medical school at the University of Pittsburgh, been accepted into a veterinary program at Purdue University, and worked in clinical trials administration for a drug company.



In a recent survey of 2002-03 Earlham Psychology graduates, a large majority were either currently enrolled in or had completed some graduate study.

Preparing graduates to take the psych world by storm

Because you’ll explore psychology’s range of applications through research projects, service learning opportunities and intense intellectual inquiry, you’ll be prepared for a wide range of careers.

Interested in pursuing an advanced degree? Join Earlham Psychology graduates at Harvard University, Columbia University and The University of Michigan, to name a few. Eager to begin your career? Join the host of doctors, clinicians, social workers, professors and lawyers who studied Psychology at Earlham.

“The Psychology Department at Earlham provided me with exceptional experience and preparation to immediately join the workforce. The knowledge I’ve gained helps me every day, and the relationships I’ve formed in the Department continue to guide me.”

— Megan Miller '06
Psychology Major from Indianapolis, Indiana

Fully funded Harvard fellowship

Earlham alumnus Justin Vincent '03 received a fellowship for graduate study in cognitive neuroscience from Harvard University, where he’s studying long-term memory in monkeys. He attributes his success to Earlham’s individualized attention and academic preparation. “I sought to specialize in cognitive neuroscience, and my professor helped me arrange an internship, through which I gained skills conducting studies of memory using state-of-the-art neuroimaging technology. Overall, Earlham provided the knowledge and experience I needed to get into an excellent graduate program.”