

Carleton College psychology majors should be able to:

Master knowledge base

Acquire familiarity with key concepts, principles, and overarching themes of historical and contemporary psychology

Develop a working knowledge of a variety of content subdomains in psychology

Become conversant with varied perspectives on current controversies in the field

Acquire a knowledge of disciplinary standards, such as ethics, methods, data analysis, and writing conventions.

Analyze evidence

Apply scientific reasoning, psychological concepts and methods to analyze behavior

Interpret basic psychological research within the context of psychological theories and methods

Critique scientific research, from theoretical, methodological, quantitative, and sociocultural perspectives.

Formulate and address problems

Utilize information literacy and quantitative literacy to answer questions*

Frame questions scientifically and operationally in a relevant theoretical context

Design and conduct scientifically valid psychological research

Apply psychological theories, findings, and methods to address real world problems**

Communicate and argue effectively

Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes

Exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes

Interact effectively with others

Enhance intellectual engagement

Utilize information literacy and quantitative literacy to answer questions*

Apply psychological theories, findings, and methods to address real world problems**

Develop habits and strategies to effectively support learning

Acquire enthusiasm for the independent pursuit of psychology and other liberal arts

Conduct independent research

Demonstrate the ability to conduct an independent research project

Formulate a research question and develop methods for answering it

Communicate a research question, method, and findings to a general audience in both written and oral formats