

## DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Cleveland, Mississippi

Delta State University is a public institution providing a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum. It offers 12 baccalaureate degrees in 38 majors and seeks to meet the need for advanced training in certain fields by providing programs of study for nine master's degrees, the Educational Specialist degree and the Doctor of Education degree.

Serving as the cultural and educational center of the region, Delta State University is located in Cleveland, Mississippi. The Mississippi Delta is a 20-county area located in the northwest region of the state. Delta State University is committed to producing graduates that are able to think critically, communicate clearly, and demonstrate technological savvy in a globally competitive marketplace.

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education operates collaboratively with the other colleges and schools in the university, the university staff, and outside agencies to produce professional graduates who will be effective in the field of human learning and services. The College of Education strives for a stimulating, positive environment and provides its students with professional faculty who emulate and model the professional competencies, skills, and dispositions expected of Delta State University graduates from the College of Education.

Within the College of Education, numerous degree programs exist that train professional educators to address societal, educational, and personal needs. All educator preparation programs are designed to prepare individuals to function in professional service careers. At all levels and in all areas, graduates are prepared to positively impact societal needs through their particular professional area(s) of study.

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DIVISION OF COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

# Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

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# Psychology Degree Program

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Among the excellent undergraduate programs offered at Delta State University is the Psychology Program. The Psychology Program serves over 70 undergraduate majors and offers a B.A. in Psychology with a strong emphasis on the development of research, analytical, and communication skills. Faculty and students in Psychology are involved in a wide range of both theoretical and applied research covering such topics as: cognition, social cognition, eyewitness memory, teaching and learning, text comprehension, unconscious processing, biological psychology, and educational psychology.

**Most undergraduates find psychology to be an exciting major. The size of our program allows for small classes and enhanced interaction with faculty.**

**We have three main goals:** **1)** prepare students for future study at the graduate and professional levels **2)** prepare students for post baccalaureate careers **3)** make the undergraduate experience as interesting and engaging as possible through research, service, and professional development opportunities.

## The Interpersonal Experience

Students and faculty engage in numerous meaningful interactions through classes, research, and advising. Students are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to have personal and professional planning conferences with faculty. We sponsor two major student organizations: Psychology Club and Psi Chi. These organizations are faculty-mentored, student-driven ways we integrate social and academic activities for undergraduates.

## Undergraduate Professional Experience

Undergraduate students are offered a rare and unique opportunity to engage in faculty-mentored undergraduate research and to present research papers at psychology conferences around the United States as well as participate in service learning opportunities.

**"The one characteristic that stands out is the accessibility of the professors—each one truly cared about my education. This personalized learning environment is a virtue you can't get at a larger university."**

—G. Rush Smith, Ph.D. '02

**"The Delta State Psychology Program is where the foundation was built for my career in mental health. The professors sparked an interest in psychology for me, and I use what they taught me every day."**

—Hunter McIntyre Ph.D. '02

## Graduate School and Career Preparation

Preparation in our Program has enabled students to pursue graduate study in major masters and doctorate programs across the nation. Others have found excellent careers in psychology-related professions after fulfilling the rigorous requirements of our baccalaureate degree. We encourage you to join us and our psychology alumni in this interesting and rewarding learning adventure!

## CURRICULUM

### REQUIRED COURSES

- PSY 101 General Psychology
- PSY 307 Developmental Psychology
- PSY 330 Research Methods I
- PSY 331 Statistics
- PSY 332 Research Methods II
- PSY 402 Learning & Cognition
- PSY 409 Biological Psychology
- PSY 490 Senior Seminar

### PSY ELECTIVE COURSES

- 15 hours of any psychology course with a "PSY" prefix.

### TOTAL PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

**CREDIT HOURS: 39**

## JOB OUTLOOK

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics—National Employment Matrix predicts an increase in the need for psychology professionals by 2018.

### PSYCHOLOGISTS

190,000 • 12% increase

### CLINICAL, COUNSELING, SCHOOL

168,800 • 11% increase

### INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

2,900 • 26% increase