



Social Psychology and Psychology, Neurosciences & Behaviour Programs in the Faculty of Social Sciences

The study of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour can be completed at McMaster University through either the **Faculty of Social Sciences** or the **Faculty of Science**. An Honours B.A. in PNB is for students interested in fields that focus on the **psychological aspects of human behaviour**. An Honours B.A. in Social Psychology is for students more interested in **individual traits, attitudes, relationships and social life**.

For more information, contact the Faculty of Social Sciences at socsfac@mcmaster.ca or refer to the McMaster University Undergraduate Calendar at <http://registrar.mcmaster.ca>

Programs	4 Year (Limited Enrollment – 120 spaces), Honours B.A. in Social Psychology	4 Year (Limited Enrollment – 60 spaces), Honours B.A. in Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour
Ontario High School Entry Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENG4U 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENG4U SBI4U and one of MHF4U, MCV4U are strongly recommended
Required Level 1 Courses for Entry to Level 2 programs	<p>Any Level 1 program (normally Social Sciences 1) with a minimum GPA of 5.0 (63-66%), although typically a higher GPA is required.</p> <p>Courses must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOCPY 1Z03 with a grade of C (63-66%) One of PSYCH 1F03, PSYCH 1X03 or SOCIOL 1Z03 <p>Completion of SOCIOL 1Z03 and one of PSYCH 1F03, PSYCH 1X03 is required by the end of the first term in Level II.</p>	<p>Any Level 1 program (normally Social Sciences 1) with a minimum GPA of 5.0 (63-66%), although typically a higher average is required – in the past few years this has been in excess of 8.0 (73-76%).</p> <p>Courses must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSYCH 1XX3 with a grade of B- (70-72%) One of MATH 1A03 or 1L53, or 1M03 One of BIOLOGY 1A03, 1M03, 1P03 or credit in Grade 12 Biology U <p>If both MHF4U and MCV4U are not completed in high school, one or both of the equivalent math courses (MATH 1K03 and Math 1F03) will also need to be completed in Level 1.</p>
Areas of Study	<p>How do people come to be who they are? How do people think about, influence and relate to one another? These are the broad questions that Social Psychology strives to answer by exploring forces within the person (such as individual traits, attitudes, relationships, and social life) as well as forces that effect how we relate to one another (such as societal norms and incentives).</p> <p>This program explores the relationship between individuals and societies through themes such as prejudice, romantic attraction, friendship, helping, aggression, and group interaction.</p> <p>Areas of focus in Level 2 and above include mental health, law, justice, crime and deviance, health and well-being and family and the life course.</p>	<p>How are memories stored? Is consciousness a uniquely human trait? Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour (PNB) is the scientific study of the mind, brain and evolution giving students a strong foundation to work in applied or scientific psychology.</p> <p>Combining Psychology and Sciences, this program provides the opportunity for students to focus on topics such as development, language, animal behaviour and human evolution.</p> <p>Specializations that may be taken in Level 2 and above are music cognition and mental health. The music cognition specialization looks at how music elicits emotional response and affects brain development and the mental health specialization looks at the history of mental health and clinical psychology.</p>
Graduate or Professional School Opportunities	<p>Provides preparation for a variety of professional programs. Eligible for M.A. and Ph.D. programs in Social Psychology and interdisciplinary programs. Students must research the graduate school requirements and ensure that they include requisite courses in their program. This program also prepares you for professional studies in fields such as counselling, business, law, teaching and other related disciplines.</p>	<p>For those who are interested in Clinical or Experimental Psychology there are Graduate studies (M.Sc., Ph.D.) in Psychology. This program also prepares you for professional studies in fields such as counselling, business, law, medicine, speech pathology, teaching and other health-related disciplines.</p>
Career Opportunities	<p>Because Social Psychology concerns the study of human behaviour, there are job opportunities for social psychology majors in virtually every type of employment setting, including educational institutions, non-profit organizations, corporations, government, and hospitals.</p> <p>For example: Counselling, Education, Law, Human Resources, Public Relations, Advertising, Occupational Therapy, Protection Services, Market Researcher, Journalism.</p>	<p>Students who graduate from Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour, are well-prepared for research positions in government, university or industry and for careers in health sciences, community services, education and management.</p> <p>For example: Clinical Psychology, Forensics, Environmental & Biomedical Research, Speech & Hearing Pathology, Neuroscience.</p>