

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

General Information

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Mission and Goals

Statement of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging

Equity. Diversity. Belongingness. Empowerment. Transformation.

The Clayton State University Department of Psychology recognizes and embraces diversity and inclusion. Our program creates settings for belonging as a fundamental necessity for establishing as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. articulated, The Beloved Community (<https://thekingcenter.org/about-tkc/the-king-philosophy/>). The Clayton State University Department of Psychology views civil discourse and acceptance as critical to the intellectual growth and well-being of students. We are dedicated to supporting the development of professionals able to competently address the diverse needs of communities. Graduates of our program are prepared to implement a multicultural framework for promoting personal and community well-being. Students are equipped with the skills to recognize complex societal challenges and innovate creative solutions that empower and transform individuals and communities.

As a department, we are committed and accountable to increasing the number of professionals, practitioners, and healers from communities that have been historically marginalized and excluded from the discipline of psychology. We strive to develop culturally relevant curricula that is also holistic in its approach to education. Our faculty recognize that we now exist in a global community, therefore, it is important that graduates are culturally competent, with the ability to serve a diverse world.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Department of Psychology is to empower students to utilize the major concepts, findings, and diverse theoretical perspectives of psychology to identify and address complex challenges faced by individuals and the broader community. We prepare student to use the tools of psychology to promote equity and well-being in a multicultural society.

Programs

The Department of Psychology offers the following undergraduate options. Graduate degree programs can be found under the School of Graduate Studies (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/graduate-studies/>).

Baccalaureate Program

- Psychology and Human Services, BS (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/psychology/psychology-human-services-bs/>)

Minor Program

- Psychology, Minor (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/psychology/psychology-minor/>)

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