Illinois Tech is a small, private university that educates students to go on to do big things. Founded in 1927, our Department of Psychology has earned an excellent international reputation. Our position within a tech-focused university allows you to study behavior while taking advantage of Illinois Tech’s technological, scientific, and innovative environment.

Our psychology program utilizes the scientist-practitioner model of teaching. Here, you’ll receive a strong background in scientific thinking and be able to apply psychological research and principles to the study of contemporary problems in a variety of fields. At the end of your program, the capstone experience allows you to apply these skills on research projects of your own design.

**Psychology Degrees at Illinois Tech**

Receive your bachelor of science degree in one of four areas:

- Behavioral Health and Wellness
- Consumer Research, Analytics, and Communication
- Psychology
- Psychology/Biology (dual degree)

As a B.S. in Psychology major, you can specialize in an area of interest to you:

- Clinical Psychology
- Culture and Diversity
- Health Psychology
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Rehabilitation Psychology

**B.S. in Behavioral Health and Wellness specializations:**

- Health Psychology
- Public Health
- Nutrition

**Pre-Professional Options:**

- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medicine

**Experience It: Majoring in Psychology at Illinois Tech**

“Knowing the principles of business is a vehicle toward success, but understanding the values you want to instill in your business—and the human impact you want to create—is more important. Studying psychology allows me to understand human behavior and the nuances of our world at large.”

— Sunny Shah (Psychology 2nd Year), Woodridge, Illinois

Sunny’s Circle Up app, which calculates the best meet-up location for a group of people, was a finalist in the Big Idea Technology competition. His EcoEats idea was a semi-finalist at the 2015 U Pitch competition.

“[In] just three semesters I was getting published as a co-author in a peer-reviewed journal article.”

— Melanie Standish (Psychology 4th Year), Orland Park, Illinois

Research Assistant to Associate Professor Arlen Molnar
Camras Scholar
Union Board President

**Biology/Psychology Double Major**

**B.S. in Biology/B.S. in Psychology**

Earn two degrees simultaneously in this challenging program geared toward pre-health students. You’ll differentiate yourself when applying to medical school; programs in public health, genetic counseling, or related areas; or graduate programs where biology and psychology intersect (e.g., neuroscience, brain science, and cognitive science).

**Research—Even As an Undergrad!**

Psychology undergraduates at Illinois Tech get the opportunity to work on major research right from the start. In addition to your capstone project, you can get involved with national research projects, make presentations at conferences, and publish scientific papers. Last summer, three undergraduate psychology students received an award from Psi Chi (the International Honor Society in Psychology) and the Center for Open Science for a project that began as part of their Research Methods in Behavioral Sciences course.

**2’fer Advantage**

Illinois Tech’s special degree programs allow you to receive both your bachelor’s and master’s degrees while you keep your undergraduate scholarships.

- Bachelor of Science in Psychology/M.S. in Personnel and Human Resources Development
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology/M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling

You can also apply for a special program that allows you to complete your B.S. in Psychology and receive your J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law in six years.
Learn to Innovate in IPROs
In Illinois Tech’s signature Interprofessional Projects (IPRO) Program, you’ll work with students from various majors to solve real-world problems. Recent psychology-oriented IPROs include:

- Applying mobile technology to enhance psychological research on depressive symptoms
- Obesity control and community outreach
- Social innovation for community wealth building
- Creating a reliable sports players’ statistical performance evaluation methodology
- PathPass: Opening doors for people with disabilities

Our graduates are finding success in such diverse fields as survey research, market research, nonprofits, social work, law, public policy, academic or health administration, and much more.

Wudasse Birhanu (Psychology ’15)—Completing a master’s degree in human factors in information design at Bentley University

Robin Chaurasiya (Psychology ’06)—Finalist for the 2016 Global Teacher Prize, known as the Nobel Prize for teaching, and co-founder of the nonprofit Kranti

Kaysha Henry (Psychology ’15)—Pursuing a master’s degree in biology and public health with a concentration in global health at Saint Louis University

Peter Mathes (Psychology ’10)—Fulbright Scholar who studied the experience of parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in India

Catalina Suarez Rivera (Psychology ’14)—Ph.D. candidate studying developmental psychology at Indiana University

Associate Professor of Psychology Arlen Moller’s lab researches how virtual environments, technology, and financial incentives can impact human behavior and health. One study looked at how online fantasy sports fans might convert their couch-potato habits into improved fitness.

RESEARCH ON THE EDGE
Our faculty are pushing the boundaries of what we know in many areas, including:

Clinical psychology: Eating disorders, high-risk infants and toddlers, self-regulation of health behaviors, depression and seasonality

Rehabilitation and mental health counseling: Stigma, rehabilitation engineering technology, veterans with PTSD, co-existing disability and mental health issues

Industrial/organizational psychology: Quantitative research methods, personnel selection, occupational health psychology, cross-cultural research

Other specialties: Social network analysis, language development, human motivation

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SEE WHAT HAWK LIFE IS ALL ABOUT!
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Or send us an email at admissions@iit.edu.

STAND OUT.
Our graduates are far from ordinary.
But we expect them to be extraordinary.