

DEGREES & PROGRAMS

BA, BS, MS, PhD
Departmental Honors program
BS neuroscience track

EDUCATION

The undergraduate program provides students with broad exposure to the behavioral sciences with a focus on research tools

The BS neuroscience track, and the developmental disabilities and human services program implement a specialized set of courses and experiences

PhD programs provide students with close faculty interaction, extensive research facilities and opportunities to conduct collaborative and independent research.

The Clinical Psychology Program is accredited by the American Psychological Association and is a member in the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science, placing it among the best clinical science programs in the country

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Diversity and Psychology Club (DPC)

UMass Neuroscience Club

Nu Rho Psi, Pioneer Valley chapter of the National Honor Society in Neuroscience

Psi Chi, UMass chapter of the National Honors Society in Psychology

POINTS OF PRIDE

PBS scientists are exploring how COVID-19 has affected our society including people's social and behavioral responses to the pandemic, anti-Asian prejudice, mental health, and online social support

UMass Amherst and partners launch summer leadership academy for diverse students in technology and engineering, led by Nilanjana Buju Dasgupta

Tammy Rahhal awarded 2020 Manning Prize for Excellence in Teaching

Tara Mandalaywala identifies that children use race and gender to form beliefs about social status

Linda Tropp finds that addressing power differences may spur advantaged racial groups to act in support of racial equality

Research from a team of scientists, including Mariana Pereira, suggests that having a baby causes a mother's brain to change to make the child her top priority

PhD student Alice Coyne receives grant to research facilitative interpersonal skill in psychotherapy

Jeff Starns, Andrew Cohen, and graduate student John Vargas investigate how teaching statistics visually can improve learning for students of diverse abilities

PBS faculty members are published and quoted frequently in TV, radio, print, and online media, including ABC News, CNN, Time, US News & World Report, Forbes, The Boston Globe, The New York Times, The Atlantic, Science Times, and Inc.

LEADERSHIP & HONORS

The Adoption Mentoring Partnership, part of the Rudd Adoption Research Program, matches children and students who are adopted by adoption type, race/ethnicity, and gender

PBS is home to several interdisciplinary centers and programs: Center for Neuroendocrine Studies, Center for Research on Families, Psychology of Peace and Violence Program, and Psychological Services Center.

The Summer Research Intensive in Psychology program places high school students in professional working labs alongside distinguished faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students

The Psychological Services Center is a community mental health clinic operated by faculty of Clinical Psychology in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, an APA accredited program since 1957

RESEARCH AREAS

Behavioral Neuroscience

Clinical Psychology

Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience

Developmental Science

Social Psychology

FACILITIES

Center for Personalized Health Monitoring

EEG/ERP Lab

Electron Microscopy Center

Genomics Resource Laboratory

Light Microscopy Core Facility

Magnetic Resonance Center

Models to Medicine Center

Sleep Monitoring Lab

UMass Eyetracking Lab

BY THE NUMBERS

Tenure-track Faculty: 42

Non-tenure-track Faculty: 15

Undergraduate Majors: 1,916

Graduate Students: 93

Postdoctoral Fellows: 15

Neuroscience Track Majors: 322

Honors Students: 382

Research Awards 2020: \$5.1M