

Current or Prospective Psychology Majors – Interested in Research?

The Value of Training in Research

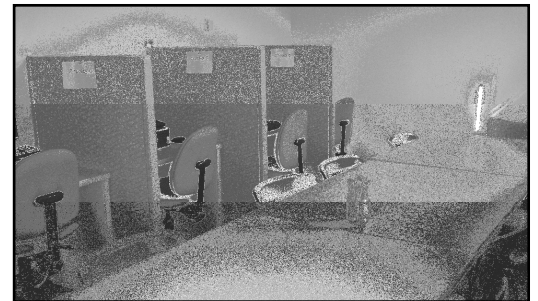
Whether you are interested in entering the workplace after you finish your undergraduate education, or going on to graduate school, participating in a research study at BSC will enhance your prospects. Experience in research will familiarize you with experimental design, the nuts and bolts of conducting a study, the various ways in which research results can be analyzed, and effective techniques for presenting and publishing your study.

The PYSC 100 Requirement

Your first exposure to the Research Lab as a Psychology major will be your one hour of participation in a Psychology study conducted in the Lab. This participation is a requirement of all students enrolled in Introduction to Psychology (PYSC 100). You will be able to choose from an array of studies, primarily pencil-and-paper surveys, in which to participate. After this introduction, you may want to consider further involvement in Psychology research at BSC, either through our own study, or by assisting a faculty member.

We Have a Lab

BSC is fortunate to have a fully functioning Psychology Research Laboratory. Currently housed in Hart Hall, the Lab is used by several Psychology Professors, assisted by their graduate and undergraduate students. In addition, students working on their Independent Study or Honors Thesis also avail themselves of the Lab.



Recent Research Studies

- Addictive Behaviors
- Body Image, Sexual Functioning, and Health Behaviors
- Defense Attributions and Jury Decision Making
- Dating Preferences
- Bullies, Victims, and Communication
- Processing Emotional Information

The Potential Change to University Status

According to the recently published BSC White Paper, “... A change to University status focuses institutional attention on the need to offer students additional opportunities for more fully engaged forms of learning. Curricular innovations such as out-of-class experiences, hands-on laboratory exercises, inquiry-based studies, internships, undergraduate research projects ... and other methods to intensify student interest in traditional coursework ... consistently lead to enhanced levels of academic and professional success.” As we move towards becoming a University, research will take on a much more prominent role, as faculty begin to involve more students in their own research programs, and as more graduate degrees, including Doctorates, are offered.

For more information, please contact your Advisor, or ...

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