What will your curriculum look like?
Psychology majors earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. Course requirements include a total of 11 courses, with a minimum of seven in psychology:

- Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 1a)
- Two quantitative courses (Calculus and Statistics)
- Two laboratory science courses in psychology, biology, chemistry, or physics
- One accompanying lab course
- One basic processes course (e.g., Behavioral Neuroscience, Sensory Processes)
- One higher-order processes course (e.g., cognitive science, linguistics)
- One social-developmental course (e.g., developmental, social, personality, or abnormal psychology)
- Two in-depth specialized seminars such as Emotion and Well-Being, Health Psychology, Aging in a Changing World, Man in Space, Memory, and Visual Cognition

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What else does the psychology major offer?
Psychology majors study varied aspects of both basic and applied areas of the field. The focus of the department is on basic scientific research, in which there is a high level of undergraduate involvement. Typically, more than a dozen students write honors theses each year, while twice that number conduct independent studies, research, or reading projects, some of which are funded by undergraduate research program grants.

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What kind of career and education options will you have?
Majors develop a solid background in the scientific method and a strong foundation in the fundamentals of psychology, making them highly competitive candidates for postgraduate study. These features of the undergraduate program also make Brandeis psychology graduates especially attractive to employers in the mental health and business professions. Recent psychology majors have gone on to graduate work in clinical, applied, and scientific research areas of the field. Given the broad training in quantitative and research skills, psychology students are sought after in a wide range of professional areas including marketing and consulting, government and public policy, and social and mental health services. Many of our graduates go on to graduate school in law, business, medicine, and social work, as well as psychology.

How can you learn more?
Visit the department website at www.brandeis.edu/programs/psychology or feel free to contact any of our faculty if you have questions.