

Experiential Learning Opportunities

The Department of Psychological Science offers 3 different experiential learning opportunities: Internship in Psychology, Undergraduate Research Assistantship (URA), or Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship (UTA).

The **Internship in Psychology** is offered as an upper-level PSYC Elective (PSYC 3398) and as a Capstone (PSYC 4498) option. PSYC majors who are interested in earning credit through a psychology-related internship may apply for the Internship in Psychology.

- The Internship in Psychology course is a structured off-campus experience in a supervised setting that is chosen in relation to the student's major and interests. Practical experience is combined with a research approach that investigates issues relevant to the internship. Students meet with the internship coordinator to develop an appropriate plan that leads to the writing of a research-oriented paper or research project, a required part of the internship. For the capstone option this would involve integrating prior academic experiences in psychology, a requirement of the capstone experience.

The **Undergraduate Research Assistantship** and the **Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship** are offered under the PSYC 4400 – Directed Study course number for credit or may be done as a volunteer.

- Undergraduate Research Assistantship (URA)
 - Students interested in becoming a URA should speak with the faculty member they wish to work with to see if they will be utilizing URAs for their research in upcoming semesters. If the faculty member agrees to take the student on as a URA, the student will then need to submit an application to the department for review and approval.
 - While the Volunteer Research Assistantship does not have specific departmental requirements, individual faculty may have specific requirements for students to be considered.
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship (UTA)
 - Students interested in becoming a UTA should speak with the faculty member they wish to work with to see if they will be having UTAs for their upcoming semester courses. If the faculty member agrees to take the student on as a UTA, the student will then need to submit an application to the department for review and approval.
 - While the Volunteer Teaching Assistantship has some specific departmental requirements, individual faculty may have additional individual requirements for students to be considered.