Portrait of the Major
Psychology is the science that deals with the behavior of humans and animals and includes many areas of specific interest within the discipline, including perception, learning, memory, intelligence, personality, development, abnormal behavior and social behavior. This dynamic major will prepare you for any career that involves dealing with people (and try to think of one that doesn’t).

Curriculum Highlights
You will study the scientific method and be able to apply it to test hypotheses and psychological theories.
• Understand psychological theories; be able to compare, contrast and evaluate historical and theoretical perspectives; and be able to select elements of theoretical perspectives for practical application.
• Understand and be able to apply professional ethical principles in research and the clinical/counseling context.
• Demonstrate an awareness of the values, attitudes and cognitions that underlie an understanding of the self and of the self in relation to others and understand the influence of culture on psychological processes.

Special Features
By studying psychology at Thiel College, you will be able to:
• Be flexible—you can choose from a variety of courses in which you will learn practical lessons that will benefit you professionally as well as personally.
• Find an optimal learning environment in which you will acquire skills to more fully engage in the important roles you’ll fulfill in life.
• Enjoy individual attention—our faculty, who come from diverse backgrounds and perspectives in the field, will work with you to discern which academic and career paths are right for you.
• Double up—many students choose to double major in psychology as it is a superb complement to criminal justice studies, sociology, education, communication sciences & disorders, biology and neuroscience.
• Explore the final frontier—not space, but rather the brain! In conjunction with the Biology Department, we offer a unique interdisciplinary neuroscience program where you will study how and why the brain works the way it does.

Career and Graduate School Outlook
After four years, you will be equipped to work in a variety of occupations or continue your studies in graduate programs such as clinical psychology, school psychology, counseling, the allied health professions and many more. Possible career paths include jobs in government, business, human service agencies, and private and public schools. Many of our recent graduates now hold positions as teachers, case managers, resident directors of group homes for troubled adolescents, the mentally ill and mentally retarded, personnel evaluators in industry, and group counselors in state and local agencies.

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The leaders in the [psychology] department have passion that is unmatched at other institutions. Their teaching methodologies and spirited classes engage students and provide a positive learning environment for educational growth and exploration. The benefit of a liberal arts education is pivotal in student growth and achievement. The classes I took outside my major have made me a more well-rounded professional. My undergraduate work prepared and equipped me with the tools and resources to complete a three year Masters of Community Counseling (MACC).”

Susan Serge ’09
Gillette, Wyo.
Manager of Campus Life and Housing Gillette College-Northern Wyoming Community College District
Major: Psychology
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Clubs & Activities: Circle K, Commuter Student Organization, Les Lauries (senior service honorary)

“A liberal arts school, Thiel offers so many different programs that really help each and every student become a more well-rounded individual. Each student has a chance to develop close relationships with faculty, who care so much about their students. I feel that am receiving a quality education and I will be a better prepared individual when I graduate. I feel this will benefit me in the real world and I will have experience and knowledge that others do not because of my liberal arts background.”

Amanda M. Miller ’14,
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Clubs & Activities: Psi Chi, Criminal Justice Club, Psychology Club, Thiel Activities Board and Alpha Xi Delta sorority

I am majoring in psychology and criminal justice with a minor in sociology. I would encourage more students to study these fields, especially at Thiel, because not only are your professors brilliant, there are many opportunities to learn about these fields outside of the classroom. I a member of the Psychology Club, the Criminal Justice Club and the psychology honors society, Psi Chi. In the classroom you get a great education and outside the classroom, you can gather experience that helps prepare you for the real world.”

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