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Memorial University of Newfoundland Department of Psychology, St. John's, Newfoundland Home for Psychological Science

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In 1957, Dr. Al Burnett, a psychologist at the Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases (now known as Waterford Hospital) was the first to teach an Introductory Psychology course at Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN).

Psychology courses were first listed separately in the University calendar in 1961, and the Department awarded its first honours degree in 1966. Psychology at MUN has always been taught as a Science; however, in the 1970s, students were allowed the option of obtaining psychology degrees as either a BA or BSc.

The Psychology Department general office is located centrally on the second floor of the Science building. The building is home to many in-house research groups, including the Bounded Rational-

ity and Law (BRL) lab, the Infant and Child Research Lab, and the Cognitive Aging and Memory Lab (CAMEL). In the neighbouring, state-of-the-art Biotechnology building, animal learning and behavioural neuroscience research is conducted. Located ten minutes from the main campus is the Memorial Institute for Intervention and Research in Anxiety and Mood (MIRIAM) lab.

Within the past three years, the Psychology undergraduate programs underwent a dramatic revitalization, giving rise to an

emphasis on variety and specialization. MUN was the first in Canada to offer an undergraduate degree in Behavioural Neuroscience, and remains a research stronghold. Due to the strength of MUN's Neuroscience program, students can choose from multiple joint honours programs in Biology or Biochemistry through the BSc Honours program. Once students complete the prerequisite courses in theory, they are encouraged to gain research experience within the various experimental labs. Class sizes tend to range from 15-20 students in most of the advanced classes, allowing students easy access to their professors. And with over 30 permanent faculty members, course & supervisor availability is rarely an issue.

In addition to the popular undergraduate programs at MUN, the Psychology Department also offers both Masters and Doctoral



Graduate programs. Students seeking graduate training in Experimental Psychology can choose from Behavioural Neuroscience, Clinical Psychology, Cognition, Developmental Psychology, and Social Psychology. For those students who are interested in pursuing more applied graduate training, the department offers a Masters of Applied Social Psychology (MASP). The MASP program consists of coursework, two work-terms, and the completion of a research project, and is fully accredited by the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education. The psychology department is also a key part of the MSC and PhD programs in inter-disci-

plinary Cognitive and Behavioural Ecology. In collaboration with the MUN Counselling Centre, the psychology department hopes to offer a PsyD in Clinical Psychology in the future.

Be sure to visit us at www.mun.ca/psychology for more information on our Research, Faculty, and Programs of Study. St. John's, Newfoundland has a relaxing atmosphere, and is the home of George Street, which hosts the most pubs per square foot in all of North America. Visiting Cabot Tower, whale & iceberg tours, and going on our numerous hiking trails are just a few of the many attractions St. John's has to offer. With the beautiful scenery, and welcoming culture, you'll feel at home no matter where you're from. Come to St. John's and let the Department of Psychology at Memorial University help you reach your potential and future in psychology.



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