

# WHY CHOOSE CONCORDIA IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

## **Smaller classes**

Class sizes at Concordia are much smaller than in Psychology departments at other universities. A majority of our Psychology courses have maximum enrollments capped at 60. The special seminars course that students take in the Honours program have class sizes of around 15. There are several reasons why smaller is better when it comes to class-size, but it goes without saying that most people would rather be in a small class with 60 others, than in a class with 200 classmates, which has become a common class size at other universities.

## **More access to your professors**

The smaller-than-usual class sizes at Concordia make it easier for students and their professors to find mutually convenient times to meet for ancillary support outside of the classroom. The high teacher-to-student ratio makes a professor easier to approach, and it makes it much easier for professors to get to know their students.

## **Greater opportunities to get involved in psychology research**

Concordia has a culture of involving undergraduates in research, beyond just the standard option of being able to do an Honours thesis in the final year of a bachelor's degree. Fulltime faculty members have active research programs within their areas of expertise, and most of them supervise master's and Ph.D. students, as well as one or more undergraduate students who conduct research for an Honours or Specialization thesis. Most faculty members in the Psychology department at Concordia also have volunteer assistants who help with the research, and nearly all of those volunteers are Psychology students who are trying to position themselves to gain admission to a master's or Ph.D. program after completing the bachelor's. The strategy is highly successful – Concordia graduates have very good success when it comes to getting into graduate school!

## **Access to a team of academic advisors and psychology career consultants**

The Department of Psychology takes pride in being able to provide our students with unparalleled support and advisement services. Students can meet one-on-one with an Academic Advisor for help with questions, problems, or issues they have with any aspect of their academic program, or educational or career plans. Compare this to what you will find in the psychology departments of other universities, where the most of the people providing academic advisement services to psychology student are not professors, and are, therefore, unable to provide advice on educational and career planning from the perspective of a true insider.

## **If you decide to pursue a master's or a Ph.D. in Psychology, we will help you prepare effectively and apply successfully the best graduate schools**

Graduates from our Honours and Specialization programs have just as much success when competing for admission to graduate school as do those who graduate from any other universities in Canada or the U.S.A. In fact, our Psychology graduates are more successful at getting into graduate school than are those from *most* other universities. Several factors contribute to the success of our students. For example, the Honours program is expressly designed to facilitate students' preparation for graduate school during their last year of undergraduate study. Each of the 42 full-time faculty members within the Psychology department work closely with students to train and mentor them for continued success in higher education and in career development.