

MEET CARLI FINE



What has been your favorite PSYC class and why?

Despite its challenging rep, my favorite PSYC class was PSYC202: Biological Basis of Behavior, which I took with Dr. Yager and later served as a Teaching Assistant for Dr. Li. (The course structure is evolving with the new major, so it might be NEUR200 or PSYC309U when new students take it.) This is essentially the introductory course for most Neuroscience minor courses and upper-level Psychology classes in Theme I (Mind, Brain, and Behavior). I loved learning about the relations between anatomy and behavior, the broad overview from development to sleep, and new discoveries and innovations in the field.

What are some other activities you are involved in?

Within the Psychology department, I am a research assistant in the Neurocognitive Development Lab, an outreach assistant for the overarching UMD Infant and Child Studies Consortium (collaboration between child development labs for subject recruitment), and a member of Psi Chi. Outside of the Psychology department, I am very involved in performing arts and the humanities, and perform and direct with the Maryland Shakespeare Players! I actually started as a research assistant my freshman year, and would recommend that it's never too early to go out for opportunities to get involved and test out your interests!

What do you want to do after you graduate?

After graduation, I will perform research on [human] multisensory perception at the University of Michigan using a variety of neuroimaging and behavioral methods. Ultimately, I intend to enroll in a Psychology PhD program with a focus in Cognitive Neuroscience and pursue a career in academia. I find it fascinating to study the brain to understand behavior, and believe that the way we physically perceive the world around us in turn affects our individual experiences of reality. I want to understand how the brain works to help people understand themselves!