



What Can I Do With a Major in... **Psychology**

What is Psychology...

Psychology is the scientific study of how people behave, think and feel. Psychologists study everything about the human experience from the basic workings of the human brain to consciousness, memory, reasoning and language to personality and mental health. Psychology is one of the most popular university courses that anyone can take for fun and interest. Psychology is also one of the fastest growing professions. Psychology is both a science and a profession. As a science, psychology applies the scientific method to study psychological phenomena. A goal of psychology is not only to understand the processes that underlie human thinking and behavior, but apply that understanding to solve practical problems. With advanced training in psychology, you can choose to work in scientific research, neuroscience, clinical practice, or as a consultant in large corporations, hospitals or government agencies.

Potential Employers

- ❖ Federal Government
- ❖ Veterans Administration
- ❖ VA Hospitals
- ❖ State Government: Human Services & Mental Health
- ❖ Community Mental Health Centers
- ❖ State Psychiatric Hospitals
- ❖ College and Universities
- ❖ Counseling Centers
- ❖ Senior Citizens Centers
- ❖ Social Service/Nonprofit Organizations
- ❖ Private Practice

Potential Job Titles

- ❖ Crisis Intervention Counselor
- ❖ Customs Immigration Officer
- ❖ Hospice Coordinator
- ❖ Public Opinion Surveyor
- ❖ Human Resources
- ❖ Public Relations Assistant
- ❖ Case Worker
- ❖ Corrections Officer

- ❖ Correctional Caseworker
- ❖ Teacher
- ❖ Job Developer
- ❖ Mental Health Coordinator
- ❖ Personnel Interviewer
- ❖ Market Research Analyst
- ❖ Television/Media Research
- ❖ Labor Relations Specialist

- ❖ Counselor: School
- ❖ Child Psychologist
- ❖ College Student Affairs
- ❖ Psychiatrist
- ❖ Community Relations Director
- ❖ Human Resources Administrator
- ❖ Activity Leader
- ❖ Admissions Evaluator
- ❖ Social Service Professional Staff
- ❖ Federal Investigation Agency

How This Major Helps You Move Forward:

Skills I've learned in this major:

- ❖ Knowledge of diagnostic and psychotherapeutic techniques
- ❖ Ability to administer and interpret results of standardized tests, conduct research experiments
- ❖ Perform administrative duties
- ❖ In addition, verbal and writing skills are needed to present research findings

Additional Information can be found at:

www.assist.org

www.salary.com

www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html

www.cacareerzone.org

www.lamission.edu/careercenter

CSU/ UC Related major transfers (BA/BS):

- ❖ **CSUN:** Psychology BA
- ❖ **CSU San Luis Obispo:** Psychology BS (Concentration: Applied Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Counseling and Family Psychology)
- ❖ **CSU East Bay:** Human Development BA (Options in Adolescence, Adult Development; Adult Development and Gerontology; Childhood Development; Childhood Education; Women's Development)
- ❖ **UC Santa Cruz:** Cognitive Science BS
- ❖ ... and more!

Go to www.assist.org to see universities that offer these majors

CSU/UC Graduate Degree Options (MA/MS):

- ❖ **UCLA:** Psychology MA/C.Phil/Ph.D
- ❖ **SJSU:** Psychology MS (Concentrations: Clinical Psychology; Industrial/Organizational Psychology; Research and Experimental Psychology)
- ❖ **CSUN:** Psychology MA (Options: Behavioral Clinical Psychology; Clinical Psychology; General Experimental Psychology)

This is **general information**. For specific information on majors and careers please see a counselor in the Career Center – Claudia Ramirez (818) 833-3403; careercenter@lamission.edu